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Original Poetry.

THE INVOCATION.

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"*When forest birds begin to sing*"
Their matins to my native home,
When flowers abroad their fragrance fling,
"Oh! *then's the time for you to come!*"
Come and rehearse to me the tale,
My spirit may not hear unmoved,
For, oh! your theme must be, the vale
Where dwell the friends by me beloved!

Come when the hills are crown'd with green,
The sky unfolds its deepest blue,
And mountains, in the distance seen,
Send sweet enchantment to the view!
My native stone! I will not part
One moment with the sacred tie,
That bound and binds my willing heart,
To those that share thy destiny

Then come, oh come!—your tidings fraught,
With sacred and familiar things,
The tree that shades the hallowed spot,
To which undying mem'ry clings,
The river, and its sunny isles,
The bridge that spans the stream of streams,
The rock, the verdant shore,—the smiles,
Of those I walk with now in dreams.

With them, I rear'less did not part;
I wept—and thought the fountain dry!
A thousand shrines within my heart,
For tears a fountain yet supply;
A thousand altars I have built,
Within this fervent breast of mine,
And every drop of incense spilt,
My native stone! is purely thine!

"*When forest birds begin to sing*"
Their response to my western home,
When opening flowers perfume the spring,
"*Oh! that's the time for you to come!*"
Come and relate to me the tale
The envied stars refuse to tell,
On them I look—they on the vale.
My childhood learned to love so well! H. P.

Original Novel.

MARION'S MEN.

A Romance of the South.

CONTINUED.

WRITTEN FOR THE UNITED STATES SATURDAY POST, BY THE AUTHOR OF "THE OLD LOYALIST," "THE SOUTHERN WHIG," ETC., ETC., ETC.

"Our hand is few, but true and tried,
Our leader frank and bold;
The British soldier trembles
When Marion's name is told.
Our fortress is the good greenwood,
Our tent the cypress tree,
We know the forest round us,
As seamen know the sea.
We know its wells of thorny vines,
Its glades of reedy grass,
Its safe and silent islands
Within the dark morass.—*W. C. Bryant.*

CHAPTER V.

"Then sweet the hour that brings release
From danger and from toil,
We talk the battle over
And share the battle's spoil.
The woodland rings with laugh and shout,
As if a hunt were up,
And woodland flowers are gathered
To crown the soldier's cup.
With merry songs we mock the wind
That in the pine tree grieves,
And slumber long and sweetly
On beds of oaken leaves."

Song of Marion's Men.

The guard appointed to convey Balfour to North Carolina had to deal with a wary, resolute and scheming man. Although his arms were pinioned and a trooper rode at either side of him, he nourished the hope of escape; yet no opportunity had occurred when they stopped, on the evening of the second day, and bivouacked for the night in a secluded spot in the forest. During the journey, Balfour had brooded over his schemes of revenge, which he felt the necessity of altering since the interposition of Egbert in his favor. Those still lingered in the rory leader's bosom under sparks of the former, and, although he bitterly regretted not having slain his rival at the tavern, yet he could not bring himself to plot directly against Egbert's life, until he had first cancelled the obligation he was under. Of such strange contradictions is human nature made up.

But Balfour still cherished the desire for revenge. He had looked on Isabel from childhood as his wife, and the loss of so lovely a prize stung him more than all his other misfortunes. The recollection of the hour when, after his exile by Mr. Warren, he ventured secretly to prefer his suit to Isabel and was indignantly repulsed, had long stimulated him to take revenge on the proud beauty. He now resolved on a plan characteristic of his bold and desperate mind.

"Why should Isabel not be mine?" he said. "I will make a bold push to recover her and fortune together. I will escape, and while they think me still in North Carolina, surprise the Hall and carry her off. I will then sue for her love. The proud beauty, finding herself at my mercy, may give an ear to prudence, and consent. But if she will not listen to us," and he mused awhile, "why then, like Alexander, I will cut the Gordian knot. By fair means, or foul she shall be mine!"

While Balfour thus schemed, he sat, leaning against a tree, a little apart from the troopers, who, gathered in a circle by the fire, were passing the jug to and fro, jesting and boasting, and occasionally making the forest ring with laughter and songs.

"Be the powers," said a jolly faced Irishman, "it's an age since I've had a drop of the whiskey, such, I mane, as we have in ould Ireland;—this apple brandy, bad cess to it! niver takes the colowsh out of the throat. Och! but my mouth wathers for the rale crayther."

"Yet you tore the brandy down pretty fast, Murtogh," said one of his boon companions, with a sly wink.

"Shure and it's to keep the cold hand of the grave from my throat. What would become of us intirely without the drop, in this country where the fever hides under every rotting log in the swamp, ready to jump out on a poor divil. It's not for the liking, Jim Dawson, I have for it, that I drink it—you can't ungufy me into that."

"Well, well, Murtagh, we'll give that up. I wish though we had some good old Irish, or even real Nantes; but nothing better than apple brandy has wet my lips those two years, and the Lord knows when I shall taste anything else."

"Give us a song, Murtogh," said another. "That one about the girls of Killarny."

"If we no laning that way, lads, to-night," said Murtogh, "but Simpson sings a rale war song, something to make the fingers itch for the sword hilt. There's 'Jack Brag'—Out with it, Simpson."

"Aye! give us 'Jack Brag's Progress,' and we'll do our duty at the chorus," said the leader, who seemed qualified for that post especially, by the depths of his potations.

Thus urged, Simpson took a long draught of the beverage, and, without prelude, began the then popular army song, commemorating the capture of Burgoyne:*

"Said Burgoyne to his men, as they passed in review,
Tullalo, lallalo, lallalo, boys!
Those rebels their course very quickly will rue,
And fly as the leaves from the autumn tempest flew,
When him, who is your leader, they know, boys!
They with men have now to deal,
And we soon will thrash them, soul—
Tullalo, lallalo, lallalo, boys!
That a loyal Briton's arm, and a loyal Briton's steel

Can put fight a rebel as quick as other foe, boys!
Tullalo, lallalo, lallalo—
Tullalo, lallalo, lallalo-o-o-o, boys!

As to Saratog' he came, thinking how to *jo* the game,
Tullalo, lallalo, lallalo, boys!
He began to see the grubs, in the branches of his fame,
He began to have the *tremblers* lest a flash should hit the flame,
For which he had agreed his perfame to forego, boys!
No lack of skill, but fates,
Shall make us yield to *Gates*,
Tullalo, lallalo, lallalo, boys.
The devils may have leagued, as you know, with the States,
But we never will be beat by any mortal foe, boys!
Tullalo, lallalo, lallalo,—
Tullalo, lallalo, lallalo-o-o-o, boys!"

As Balfour listened to this song, the chorus of which was shouted forth by the whole party, until the distant arcades of the forest echoed back the sound in a thousand intonations, he thought he had seen few scenes as picturesque. The men sat in the foreground of the picture, grouped in a circle; and the watch fire, now smouldering low, and now shooting brilliantly up as another pine knot was thrown on the coals, flung a wavering light across the leafy background, revealing dim and distant avenues down in the wood, whence you almost expected to see the startled deer gazing at this interruption of their solitude. At each repetition of the chorus, the revellers would raise their drinking vessels above them, and shout forth the words at the tops of their lungs; then quaff the stimulating beverage, and again ring out the chorus. The horses fastened hard by to the boughs of the trees, turned their eyes enquiringly at the hilarious sounds, or snorted wildly when some louder burst than usual frightened the birds from their roost in the neighboring thickets. Balfour looked above. Through the thick canopy of leaves, a star glimmered down, hanging alone, like the solitary lamp before an altar, in the clear blue sky. The peaceful sight contrasted forcibly with the uproar of the now really intoxicated troopers, and even the soul of that desperate and scheming man felt its influence.

The revellers, when they began their debauch, had handed their prisoner an ample portion of the brandy, but he had emptied the liquor unobserved on the ground. Gradually, however, he affected to yield to the influence of his pretended potations; for he noticed that the eyes of his guard continually wandered to him, as if in their fast approaching inebriety, they still remembered their duty.

The night waned, yet still the revellers kept up their debauch, Balfour watching them from the spot where he lay affecting to sleep. Gradually, however, their songs became incoherent, and the jests lost their point; and then, one by one, the drinkers rolled over and slept soundly. At length only the man who was to act as sentinel remained awake. Looking contemptuously on his companions, as if pitying their weaker heads, he proceeded to rake up the ashes with drunken gravity and light his pipe, which, after many ineffectual attempts, he succeeded in doing. Then, sitting down on a log, looking, from time to time, at the prisoner, and then winking very comically at a star twinkling through the leaves, he began to hum a love song. It was of some fair girl whom he had known in gayer and happier days. The first verse went off well enough; in the second he halted two or three times; but, when he got into the last, he dodged after the words continually, making pauses *one he did so*, and then recommencing the song. But sometimes he began in the first stanzas, and sometimes took up a part he had not yet regularly reached. During these proceedings the expression of stupid gravity in his face grew more and more settled; the naps between his singing became longer; his pipe by and by fell to the ground without his seeming to know it; and finally, after two or three ineffectual attempts to steady himself in his sitting posture, he gave a lurch sideways, rolled to the ground, and, with a grunt, was asleep.

The moment for which Balfour had watched was now come. Pausing a few minutes to assure himself that the sentinel and his companions slept soundly, he cautiously moved to the smouldering embers, and holding his hands down close to the coals, succeeded in burning the bonds sufficiently to be able to snap them asunder, though he almost scorched the flesh off. Then, unfastening one of the horses, he noiselessly led the animal out of the wood, nor did he cease his precautions to escape detection until he was fairly in the saddle, with the bright moonlight pointing out the road before him. Putting the animal to a gallop, he looked back exultingly on the spot he had left, and could scarcely refrain from a shout of defiance. Long before morning, when his flight was discovered, he was miles away from the place where that midnight debauch had been held, brooding over his schemes of revenge and burning to put them into instant execution.

"The knave from whom I have escaped," he said, "will not dare to tell of my flight, at least not yet. Egbert will think me safe in North Carolina, and so the Hall will be unprotected. In two days, at furthest, I can rally around me my scattered troop, and then for a bold push for Isabel. Once in my power, and she cannot resist my importunities. And even if I have to use a little force at first, the deed will be overlooked in times like these. Mine she shall be," he exclaimed, lifting his hands to the morning sun, "I swear it by the God of yonder heavens—if indeed," he added in a lower tone, "there is such a thing as a God." In that dark doubt was the key to the early profligacy and subsequent crimes of the speaker.

Pushing on as rapidly as the condition of his steed would allow, Balfour arrived, about noon of the succeeding day, on the Santee, in the neighborhood where he expected to find his scattered troops. Seeking a tory tavern, where their rendezvous was held, he found a squad already collected there, most of whom had escaped from the conflict in which their leader was taken. Balfour was popular among his men, for, while he always maintained a due reserve, he sought every occasion to conciliate his followers, and was regarded by them as a bold, hearty, energetic leader, whom it would not do to push too far, but who naked neither privations nor dangers of his troops which he was not willing to share. They had a confidence, too, in his abilities which made them feel, on his capture, without a head and at a loss how to act. When Balfour's standard was raised, was better for his lieutenant, though a brave soldier, was better calculated for a bonn companion than a captain. The appearance of Balfour, therefore, was hailed with a general shout; riders were sent out to summon those of his troop who had returned home; and, as the tory leader had calculated, by the morning of the second day, he was at the head of about forty mounted militia men, prepared to execute any scheme he might lay before them.

Moving cautiously down the river, after dividing his troop into squads so that no suspicion might be excited, he approached the vicinity of Warren Hall, and, retiring to a thick swamp where his men might lie concealed until the moment for action, he despatched one or two adroit lads as spies. About midnight, the emissaries returned with the information that, on the ensuing day, Isabel and Emma were to set out, attended by only one or two servants, on a visit to a friend's house, about twenty miles distant. This fortunate news induced Balfour to change his dispositions. The attack on the Hall, standing as it did, in the centre of a populous whig district, was a hazardous stroke, for the neighborhood swarmed with Marion's men, and the assailants could hope to escape only by a precipitate retreat, and then, perhaps, find the attempt ineffectual. Nothing but the impossibility of gaining possession of Isabel in any other way, had induced Balfour to resolve on so hazardous a scheme. But now fate was about to throw the prize into his hands. Not dreaming of peril, the ladies would pass directly by the swamp in which his forces lay concealed. The course, for a mile or two ran through the damp wilderness on a highway of logs, laid cross-wise in the morass, and a mere desolate round; simultaneously the air was filled with innumerable fine particles of dust, soon through which the heavens assumed a lurid aspect as if the great day of account had begun. Then all was again still. Suddenly a lambent flame played in a dark blank of clouds far down on the horizon. This was soon followed by a hoarse growl of distant thunder. The negroes whipped and shrieked to their horses, who, snorting wildly, went off at a gallop, jerking the chaise after them, so that it rather bounded than flew along the road. Now a few large rain drops pattered to the ground, followed by a third ominous silence. It could already be seen raining down in the swamp. Just as the cavalcade dashed up to the door of the mansion a flash of lightning streamed across the blackened waste; and a peal of thunder, bursting stunningly overhead, went crackling and rattling down the sky, like the explosion of part of a train of powder wagons and the rumbling flight of the rest. Isabel and her cousin sprung from the chaise, Emma clasping one hand over her eyes and clinging to her companion with the other; while, at the instant, the rain came down in torrents, as if the flood gates of heaven had been opened.

An elderly lady of distinguished presence met the females at the door.

"We have ventured to trespass on your hospitality, madam," said Isabel, calm and collected, and forming a fine contrast to her frightened and shrinking cousin. "We saw the tempest coming up in the swamp, and flew thither as the best covert from the storm."

"And you are welcome, like birds to their home," said the lady, with a motherly smile; "Enter, for the strife of the elements alarms your companion," and she led the way into a parlor furnished with elegance and even luxury, betokening the wealth of the owner. Isabel knew the occupant to be a widow lady of fortune, though they had no personal acquaintance. This, however, was soon obviated by the benevolent kindness of the mistress of the mansion and the easy manners of Isabel. But Emma—poor, frightened bird!—still clung retiringly to her cousin's side, nor could she be drawn into conversation.

The storm, which appeared so unlucky to the cousins, since it deranged their plans for the day, was, as the reader has supposed, the means of their preservation. Had the tempest delayed for half an hour, the captain of Isabel and Emma would have been consummated, for, in short mile ahead of the spot where they had turned, lurked Balfour and his troops. They, too, saw the tempest, but, as a scout had just come in from the edge of the swamp announcing that the victims had entered the forest, the tory leader retained his men in waiting, momently expecting the chaise to come by. The rain soon began to descend in torrents, and, though the tories sought the shelter of the dense foliage around, they were soon drenched. Half an hour passed without the appearance of the victims. Balfour now despatched a scout, suspecting the reason why Isabel did not come along. The man soon returned with the information that the road was clear, and the prey flown.

The storm had now spent most of its fury, the clouds having broken away in the west, and though a few still gathered gloomily overhead, their greater body was rolling far away towards the eastern horizon. The rain slackened, and soon ceased. The sun once more came out, and, as his nearly vertical rays, penetrating to the road, glistened on the rain drops that hung on every blade of grass, or trembled on every leaf, the scene was magnificent. But Balfour thought little of the beauty of the sight. He had been foiled in capturing Isabel, and he burned yet to effect his purpose. Ordering his men to horse he resolved to push further down the road, so as to be able to observe whether a chaise left any of the neighboring houses in the open country, as well as to be at hand, in case Isabel should prosecute her journey, to seize her the instant she entered the swamp. Leaving his lieutenant to bring up the bulk of the force, he pushed forward with about a dozen picked men, so as to lose no time in reconnoitering.

But ten minutes had scarcely elapsed after his departure, and the dripping troopers were slowly getting into saddle, with many a curse at their hard luck, when, suddenly, at an angle in the road behind, appeared a horseman, wearing the fox-skin cap characteristic of Marion's brigade. At the first sight of this apparition, the cry of "Marion's men—Marion's men," ran through the loyalists party, and each trooper, no matter how leisurely had been his movements hitherto, leaped as nimbly as a squirrel into his saddle. At first the tories wheeled their horses towards the swamp, and the lieutenant, hurrying to the front, was waving his sword and calling to his men to follow him, when the blast of several successive bugles was heard, and immediately a couple score of horsemen, as many riding abreast as the causeway would allow, swept around the corner, and, catching sight of the tories, whooped as they dashed at full speed towards the foe. The snorting of the fiery horses, the gleam of forty broadswords in the sun, and the loud and successive cheers, breaking from the whigs and echoing and re-echoing through the forest, were too much for the disorderly force of the lieutenant. Consternation seized on the tories. A few rode on a space to meet the foe, when, finding themselves unsupported, they took hurriedly to the swamp; but the body of the loyalists turned their bridles at once, and clattered helter-skelter along the causeway as if a troop of devils was in pursuit. On came the men of Marion, whooping and shouting at the top of their lungs; and fast and faster fled the panic-stricken loyalists. Foremost among the whigs rode a powerful trooper, on a splendid charger whose eyes flashed as if he felt the excitement as fully as his master. The rider was already up to the hindmost fugitive, and, rising in his stirrup, he dealt his broadsword full on the head of the tory. Down through cap and skull it cleft, down through the oozing brain almost to the shoulder; and, while the victim rolled from the saddle, the rider swept along, shouting to his horse.

"Ho! Selim. Down with the rascals. At them, my gallant fellow!" and thus speaking to his horse, and shouting vengeance, he dashed on, felling at every fore stroke, a new victim.

The rout was soon finished. Nearly half a score of the tories was slain, and the rest managed to escape by taking to the swamp, when they found a favorable opening. Balfour, overtaken by some of the fugitives, as he was hastening back on hearing the sound of bugles, learned that the day was inevitably lost, and, though chafing like a lion, felt the necessity to give the word to retreat. A few hours later he gathered together the remnant of his force in the tangled recesses of the swamp, and, unsubdued, but rather inflamed by his failure, prepared to strike a second and surer blow against Isabel. But his new scheme will appear in due time.

When the last tory had plunged from the causeway into the swamp, the leader of Marion's men ordered a halt, and the victors proceeded to examine the fallen. The wounded, however, if any, had effected their escape; those on the ground were all dead.

"They are only wandering desperadoes—perhaps the remains of Balfour's force, growling about the country," said the leader, who was none other than Egbert. "They have received a lesson to-day, however, which they will not soon forget. But hasten and to horse."

When the party emerged from the swamp, the mansion where Isabel had taken refuge, met Egbert's eye, and, though ignorant of her presence, he determined to halt there to refresh his men. What was his surprise at recognising his mistress. The first salutations over, he narrated his charge in the forest, and, learning Isabel's destination, insisted on guarding her for the rest of the journey.

"The danger is no doubt over," he said smiling, "but I have no duty to call me elsewhere, and cannot resist the temptation of escorting you. And now, Mrs. Prevost, my dear madam," he said, turning politely to the lady of the house, "can your larder not produce something for my almost famishing men?"

To his surprise the lady appeared disinclined to oblige him, though she passed for a whig and he had more than once received rations for his troops at her house. But his eye happening to fall on two ladies who appeared to be visitors, he suspected the truth, and left the room, as if angrily. In a few minutes Mrs. Prevost stealthily joined him.

"I beg a thousand pardons, Captain Egbert," she said, "but I have two friends visiting me who loan to the king's side, and I dare not openly aid you for fear their servants should denounce me, when my property will be confiscated;" and the tears stood in her eyes. "But follow me into the parlor after awhile, demand my keys, and, when I refuse, threaten to break into my larder and barns. I will then throw you the keys, declaring that there is no other answer to compulsion."

"I will follow your directions, my dear madam; and look to you to forgive my apparent rudeness," said Egbert, bowing with his hand on his heart; for he knew that such deceptions had often to be practised by the well-wishers of liberty, who, like this widow, were defenceless. He soon followed her into the parlor, and, adopting her advise, obtained ample food for his troops.

How shall we describe the ecstacy of the ensuing hour which Egbert spent at Isabel's side. His eyes were more eloquent even than his tongue; and Isabel, conscious and blushing, appeared no longer the proud beauty. When he carried to her his narrow escape, at the tavern, a few days before, her cheek turned deadly pale, and clinging convulsively to his arm, as if to keep him from peril she looked up into his face with eyes suffused with thankful tears and brimful of love. That look ever after dwelt in the memory of Egbert. She was ejaculating her gratitude to heaven for his preservation, when her attention was called to Emma, who also had listened breathlessly to his story, and now swooned at the crisis. Poor girl! that fainting fit had nearly betrayed her love.

The heat of the day, the storm, and this story all combined have proved too much for you, dear Emma," said Isabel, when her cousin began to recover. "You had better lie down for an hour or two, since Egbert will not be ready to go until then."

The girl yielded to the solicitations of Isabel and Mrs. Prevost, for she longed to be alone to give free vent to her tears—tears of mingled gratitude and grief. And while she wept, with almost breaking heart, in her chamber, Isabel and Egbert walked, alone, to and fro, in the piazza in the rear of the house. Once, when Emma stole to the window, she caught sight of them. Again she felt her utter loneliness. A fresh flood of tears was her relief.

We will not linger over the lovers' delightful ride that evening, for while they enjoyed such felicity, Emma sat silent, sad and almost tearful. Isabel and Egbert noticed it, but thought it nervousness. Alas! for unrequited love.

The parting of the lovers was beneath a cloudless sky, gemmed with stars; and, remembering a poetic custom in the east, Isabel sought out a large and beautifully clear star, with a small, but equally lustrous one, hanging near it.

"That larger star shall be yours, Egbert, and the other mine. Let us watch them nightly and think of each other. I am ever sanguine, unlike Emma, and while those stars shine, I will be confident that we shall be happy."

She had scarcely finished when the *star* she had chosen for herself shot from its place, and, trailing that second whispering to her of days of joy yet to come. There was a living form, too, that rose amid the scene, and hallowed and endeared the memories of her late home. The spot where Edgar Ashton had told her of his love, and communicated to her the plans he had formed of joining her in the far West, as soon as he had accumulated a sum that would make the little homestead comfortable for his widowed mother and his two young brothers, rose up so palpably before her, that she held her breath to listen, expecting to hear his voice. The loud carol of a bird, such as she had never heard before, dissipated the illusion, and covering her face with her hands, she wept as the bounce conscious that her mind was yielding to the bewildering influence of her disease.

The noontide hour had long been past, and Mr. Osborne and his two sons had completed a slight structure, formed of the limbs and boughs of trees, as a shelter from the heavy night-dews. Rose, as she turned her eyes towards the East, beheld one lone star beginning faintly to shine near the horizon, and she imagined that its light might beam on him who was now far away. Perhaps even then his eyes, like her's might be directed towards it.

"Is it not Thursday?" she enquired of her mother, who now drew near her bed-side.

She replied that it was.

"Thursday evening," she resumed, is, as you may remember, the last we ever spent in our home. Edgar Ashton was with us, and before we parted, we all sang our evening hymn. Let me listen to it now for the last time."

Many persons have heard the "Evening Hymn," commencing with the line—

"The day is past and gone,"

beautiful for its simplicity, and which, in former years, might often have been heard by a New England fire-side, sung by the united voices of a household, before retiring to rest. Now, for the first time, its music rose on the still air of the lonely and solemn wilderness. The clear, deep voice of Mr. Osborne trembled not, even when the voice of Rose was heard joining in the hymn in sounds sweet, yet low and broken—for the iron nerves of a strong man are not easily shaken even when the heart is bleeding with anguish; but the voices of the mother and the brothers were faint and unsteady, and sometimes, but for the full tones of the father, would have failed altogether. Rose could only sing in broken notes, and when the hymn was concluded, she sighingly remarked that it was the last time she should ever sing with them. She had, before they commenced their hymn, been removed to the shelter of the bower, but so near the entrance, that, by a slight effort, she could have crept to it. Her head towards the home of her childhood, that she could still behold the star which had attracted her attention when it first began to kindle its fires in the heavens.

She spoke of Edgar Ashton, and holding up her hand, so as to display a plain gold ring he gave her at parting, requested it to be returned to him when she was dead.

"Oh, Rose," said Robert, sobbing as he spoke, "you will get well—I know you will."

"No, Robert, I shall die, and you and father and mother and James will all have to go away and leave me here alone. You, mother, must write to Edgar Ashton, and tell him you left me resting in a peaceful spot, near a stream of clear water, almost as beautiful as that which runs near the home we left. Tell him the song of birds will flout over me by day, and that a star, sweet and mild as the one we loved to imagine was the home of ministering spirits, will shine upon my grave, by night. Mark the spot where you bury me, so that if ever he should be a wanderer in this country, he may find where I lie."

She now closed her eyes, and seemed inclined to sleep.

The night wore on, and the father and mother watched together by the low couch of their dying child, and the brothers lay down to take short naps, or slumbers, rouse themselves at every noise, were it only the tow twitter of a bird, as it moved on its leafy perch.

The day-star had risen in the east, when Rose awoke from her heavy sleep. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne bent earnestly forward to catch the low murmur on her lips. Her words were broken and indistinct, but they knew that she spoke of the blessedness of that land, where friends meet to part no more, and where sorrow and sighing flee away. She became silent, and they saw that it was death that had hushed her voice. Mrs. Osborne and the boys covered their faces and wept, but Mr. Osborne, as he turned his eyes towards heaven, now glowing with the first beams of day, said in a low, yet unfaltering voice, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord."

All the next day they watched beside their dead. Her shroud was carefully arranged by the mother's hands, and her long, golden tresses, which used to agate with the every breath of wind, were parted on her cold forehead and lay motionless amid its snowy folds. Robert and James gathered violets and wild roses, for these were New England flowers, which they knew she loved, and placed them upon her bosom.

The twilight shadows began to gather. A grave had been dug in the shade of the largest and most beautiful of the trees, round whose branches birds were now singing their evening song. They knew that the time had come for them to commit her to the dust, and kneeling by the bier, woven of green boughs, Mr. Osborne offered up a prayer, fervent and humble-heart thrilling, yet full of trust. When they arose, they felt strengthened for their mournful task. They placed her gently in the grave they had prepared, looked upon her for the last time, and then all but the father turned away, for they could not bear to see the earth fall upon the sweet face that had so often smiled upon them, and which was beautiful even in death. Mr. Osborne leaned for a few minutes on his spade, and breathed a silent prayer, that he might not shrink from this last trying duty, which he owed to the dead.

By the time the grave was closed and covered with the fresh green sods, day-light had entirely faded. All was calm and silent. Even the voice of the winds was hushed, yet as they sat together by the spot where they had laid their poor Rose, "a floating whisper," such as is heard only in the deep hush of the evening or night time, seemed to come to them like low and very distant music. None spoke, yet it fell on the hearts of all with a deep and soothing power. It appeared to them like the echo of spirit-voices singing some sweet hymn, such a one as Rose used to love to breathe with her clear, musical voice on a still Sabbath evening in summer.

The morning rose bright and balmy, and Mr. Osborne, with the assistance of his family, having enclosed the grave with logs prepared the day before, mentioned that it was time for them to pursue their journey. Every thing being ready for their departure, they looked on the grave for the last time, and wept.

When they had arrived at the spot destined to be their future home, Mrs. Osborne's first care was to perform the request of Rose, and write to Edgar Ashton. The letter and the ring were entrusted to the care of a gentleman about to commence a journey, which would lead him near the young man's home, and he promised to deliver them with his own hands. He wrote an immediate answer, for it was a consolation to him to pour out his heart to those who he knew would give him their sympathy.

"A thousand thanks," said he, towards the conclusion of his letter, "for the faithful description you gave me of the spot where you made her grave. It is present to my mind in the still evening and in the deep night. It will ever be the dearest spot to me I most fondly cherish."

A number of years afterwards, as a traveller from one of the New England States, was riding in company with a native son of the forest, at a little distance observed a small spot of ground enclosed with logs. Inquiring of the Indian its design, he related to him the incidents on which the foregoing sketch is founded. With feelings deeply touched and interested at the idea that a young and beautiful girl was reposing alone in the wilderness, far from kindred and friends, he drew near the enclosure. A wild rose-tree, together with the sensitive plant had taken root on her grave and were growing in rich luxuriance—appropriate emblems of the beauty and modest virtues of her, who slept beneath.

FROM THE DEMOCRATIC REVIEW, FOR APRIL.

THE WHITE STEED
Of the Prairies.

BY PROFESSOR BARBEE.

Mr. Kendall, of the New Orleans Picayune, in giving some account of what he saw and suffered in his late expedition toward Santa Fe, which resulted in imprisonment at Mexico, after noticing flocks of small white horses in the Prairies, adds the following.

"Many stories are told of a large white horse that has been seen often in the vicinity of the Cross Timbers and near the Red River. He has never been known to gallop, but paces even faster than any horse that has been sent out after him can run; and so game and untiring is the 'White Steed of the Prairies' for he is well known to trappers and traders by that name, that he has tired down no less than three race-nags sent out expressly to catch him with a Mexican rider. The latter had nothing but a lasso or lariat to throw, but the rope made either of horse-hair or hemp and which the Mexicans know with great dexterity; but although he took a fresh horse after tiring one down, he was never near enough to the noble animal to throw a slip-noose over his head or even to drive him into a corner. He has been known to pace a mile in less than two minutes, and can keep up this rate hour after hour, or until he has tired down every nag in chase. Large sums have been offered to any one who would catch him, and the attempt has frequently been made; but he still roams the prairies in freedom, solitary and alone. One of the hunters even went so far as to tell me that he was too proud to be seen in company with the other mustangs, being a beautiful animal of far better action than those of his race; but this part of the story I could not make it convenient to believe."

Mount, mount for the chase! let your lasso be strong,
And forget not sharp spur and tough buffalo thong;
For the quarry is seen hath oft baffled, I ween,
Steeds swift as your own, backed by hunters as keen.
Fleet herb of the Prairie, in vain they prepare
For thy neck, arched in beauty, the treacherous snare;
Then in it toss thy proud head, and with mettril stretch-
ed wide,
Defy them again, as thou still has defied.
Trained nags of the course, urged by mowel and rein!
Have cracked their strong thews in the pursuit in vain;
Waste a bow-shot in front, without straining a limb,
The wild courser careered as a mere pastime to him
Ye may know him at once, though a herd he in sight,
As he moves o'er the plain like a creature of light—
His mane streaming forth from his beautiful form
Like the drift from a wave that has burst in the storm
Not the team of the Sun, as in fable portrayed,
Through the firmament rushing in glory arrayed,
Could match, in wild majesty, beauty and speed
That tireless, magnificent, snowy-white steed.
Much gold for his guerdon, promotion and fame,
Will the hunter who captures that fleet-footed game!
Let them toil for his freedom,—unbridled, unshod,
He will roam till he dies through these pastures of God.
And ye rulers who lay on bend your base halters to sting!
Ye shall—but then your Eagle has lent you his wing;
But no slave of the lash that your stables contain
Can e'er force to a gallop the steed of the plain!
His fields have no fence save the mountain and sky;
His drink the snow-capped Cordilleras supply;
Mid the grandeur of nature sole monarch is he,
And his gallant heart swells with the pride of the free.

MY COUSIN KATE.

BY C. F. WALLACE.

Intimately interwoven with the fibres of the human heart are the chords which bind each individual to his race, and mighty in the influence that woman exerts upon the destinies of individuals and nations. Her smile and her tear have been, from the earliest period to the present hour, all potent, to soften the asperities of man's tougher nature, awakening him to the perfection of his moral code. Her birthing with in him the noblest virtues, and unloosing his soul from the thraldom of sensuality and sin.

The love of the pure and the beautiful originally implanted in every human breast, like the seed sown upon good ground, when nurtured in the sun-shine of her smile, and trained under the fostering influence of her purer perceptions, has brought forth a thousand fold of the richest blessings, and her influence has caused to well up from the darkest chambers of her heart, to water the desert spots of life, those streams of tranquility and happiness which have gladdened the most desolate places, and caused them to bloom and to breathe of the flowers and the fragrance of Paradise.

At the cross and at the sepulchre, in joy or in sorrow, in sickness or in health, in the gorgeous halls of luxury or the humble dwelling-places of the sons of toil, she is ever the same kind friend, ever the inciter to our best deeds and the inquirer of our holiest thoughts; and when degraded and despised, even then, her failings lean to virtue's side. But never does the loveliness of the female character exhibit itself in a more pleasing light than in her kindness and forbearance to the being of her choice, whom the temptations of life and the allurements of unbalanced passion have caused to forget the early promises of true and steadfast love.

The tale which I have to relate, is a case in point, and if it should serve to awaken in the mind of one of my fair readers a desire to look into her own heart and study the means to win back the estranged affections of the lost confidence of him who was sworn to love, honor, and protect, the purpose of my true narrative is answered.

My Cousin Kate was a beautiful girl. I need not go into a particular description after the manner of the romance writers of the present day, and tell you the precise shade of her complexion, the color of her hair and eyes, the shape of her nose and chin, or the exact length of her fingers,—suffice it to say, she was a beautiful girl; and, if any one of my readers should be still dissatisfied with this rather indefinite description, let them just look at the most loving and lovable of all their acquaintances, and imagine her to be my Cousin Kate, as she appeared to me some eight years ago, when we were all assembled down at Uncle Harry's, to witness the performance of the ceremony "that binds two willing hearts."

Some two weeks previous to the evening aforesaid, it had been duly announced (for our tale is of New England,) by a notice posted upon the door of the church, duly signed by the town clerk, that George Walter and my Cousin Kate, intended marriage, which circumstance had afforded the good people of H. about the sole topic of conversation and scandal ever since.

She was universally beloved, and George was a general favorite with the good people of the village, but he had some failings, not the least of which was an over-fondness for gay society, a strong predilection for the pleasures of the wine cup, which, upon one or two occasions, he had been known to indulge in, even to excess, and as there may be always found, even in the smallest communities, a one uncommonly kowning sirrs, they could not, of course, predict otherwise than that the ceremony, about to be performed, would prove anything but a source of happiness to the parties concerned.

The wedding party was large and brilliant, the chaser was excellent, the dance went gaily on, the joyful laugh went round, the congratulations of friends were most ardently bestowed, and never, to all appearance, had a happier wedding party been convened in that little village.

But, as in the sweetest cup of joy drops will sometime be found, so, in the happiest moments of our lives, when, as it were, we seem to have a glimpse of that prospect of earthly bliss for which we are all striving, a cloud will obscure the horizon of our hopes, and shut the bright vision from our eyes. And so did the shadow of that dark cloud rise before the bright prospects of Kate, even upon that very eve when, before God and the world, she gave to him whom she ardently loved, a heart as pure as ever beat within a human breast.

All her hopes and all her affections were staked upon her lover. She had dreamed naught but of happiness, and thought not that he who loved so truly could ever forget the bounds of temperance. No wonder, then, as she perceived him give way to the solicitations of friends to drink his health and that of his young bride, until his fine face was flushed with an unnatural glow, no wonder, that the rising sigh was, with difficulty repressed, and that a tear glistened, for a moment, in her clear blue eye. Alas, that for such trifles as pure a soul should be thus rudely stricken! Oh that in the heart of man dwelt but a tythe of that spirit of devotion and self sacrifice that are the components of love in woman; then we should not have such scenes to record.

A tear, as we have said, glistened in her eye, but all unnoticed, she dashed it away, and her beautiful face betrayed not the painful emotions of the mind. She was a brave girl, my Cousin Kate, and was endowed by nature with strong good sense. Grieved she was, and shocked truly, but she still strove to suppress her feelings, and as well concealed that none supposed she had marked the change in her husband's manner.

Bitter were the thoughts of the young bride when the following day left her to her own reflections. "It might never again occur," thought she, "I will not blame, I will not chide, but Oh, should it ever again occur, should George become—" she shuddered at the thought, "should he become a drunkard. Oh, it cannot be, I will win him back. Happy am I," thought she, "that his destiny is mine, that I shall have the blessed prerogative of bearing with him the ill of life, and soothing its trials and sorrows."

Several months had passed away, and the unpleasant part of the occurrences of the wedding eve had never been alluded to by husband or wife, and a happier couple could not well be found. But slowly a mind was one that was formed for novelty; it had never been awakened to a knowledge of that high and chivalric sense of honor, which points us to forego our own pleasures for those of others, and which finds its greatest happiness in making others happy; in a word, he was eminently selfish, and about this time it was that he became less and less attentive to the society of his young wife. Not that he was less kind than formerly, but the craving for variety, the love of change, and the flutteries of a large circle of young men among whom he passed as a downright clever fellow, would often tempt him from his home, which he returned, causing mortification and even more unspeakable. In vain did Kate implore and entreat him to desist from habits so pernicious, and practices so baneful to happiness, and rife with every evil. Most solemnly would he promise reformation, and as often forget it, though when that promise was given he doubtless intended to keep it, but the force of habit was already upon him, and its evergrasping sword was difficulty be controlled.

A year had passed on, and a fine, rosy-cheeked infant had been added to the family, and for a time, this had seemed to have the effect to withdraw him from the society of former associates. But old habits returned, and again and again did he vent his home in a state of beastly intoxication. Business now became less prosperous and nothing seemed to go well.

All this while, how fared it with the gentle Kate? Alas! those only who have felt the ruthless hand of the demon upon their own household—those only who have borne the heavy burden which so many of our country women have been obliged to bear—can tell the sorrows of that heart which mourns affections crushed and hopes blighted by the drunkenness of father, husband, or son.

Meekly and patiently, for two long years, which otherwise might have passed so happily, had she borne, without a murmur or unkind rebuke, all the trials that her husband's faults had brought upon her. She pleaded, prayed, and entreated him to reform—but all of no avail: the habit still seemed to increase, and sorrow and anxiety had already impaired the bloom of her cheek, though a smile of tender greeting played ever upon her lip to welcome his return. As tenderly did she love, even with all his faults, as when, on the bridal eve, she pledged to him her heart.

Agricultural.

TO KILL WEEDS.

Is there any measure that will kill weeds? is a question not unfrequently put. Will nitrate of soda, or nitrate of ammonia, or guano, or urates? That such questions should be asked, proves one thing at least—that there is a general desire to know how to extirpate weeds. We wish we could add that they also indicate some acquaintance with the ordinances at least of vegetable physiology.

Weeds, like other plants, have each their peculiar constitution, prefer certain kinds of food, and partial on the application of others. We have seen a pound of nitrate of soda administered to a flourishing plant without visible effect; half an ounce would probably destroy a Rhododendron. Common stable manure is proficient to Coniferous plants, and in over dose maintains their freshness and general density in the fall had caused us to despair of getting them safely through the winter, and which, in all probability we should not have succeeded in accomplishing by any other means, without extra trouble and expense. Calves that are poor and weak should never be permitted to run with older and sturdier cattle as their weakness prevents them from obtaining a fair chance in anything. When fed out, the poor weak individuals are generally thrust aside, and compelled to pick up the mere leavings of the flock, whereas their condition requires that they should at all times be provided liberally and with the very best. It often happens also, that at the watering place these inferior members are ill-treated, and deprived of their necessary share. Sometimes, when the water is at a distance, and accessible only by paths, through deep mud and quagmires, they are driven out of the yard, and left to chill without being able to extricate themselves, or perhaps they are killed outright.—*Maine Cultivator.*

THE FARMER'S LIFE.

Gentlemen allow me to congratulate you on the happy situations in life, in which those are placed, who are engaged in the cultivation of the earth. In independence, in healthfulness, in amenity, it excels every other. Prudence and economy, and a just estimate of his position in society, are requisite for man in all situations; but to whom are the faculties to inspire confidence so great as to the farmer? Favorably situated for avoiding temptations to be led away by the vanities of society, he is surrounded with every thing necessary to comfortable existence. His life, indeed, is a laborious one; but labor, to an evil—it conduces to the vigor of the body and of the mind, and certainly it is not in idleness that happiness is ever found. The very place in which his labors are carried on is favorable to him. He lives not pent up in walls, in a confined or insalubrious atmosphere, but in free air of heaven with the boundless sky for a roof, and surrounded by every thing that is lovely in nature, and calculated to lead the mind from nature to nature's God. The sentiment of love and admiration of the beautiful works of the Creator, leads us to seek him, and to know him, and to adore him. He who can plod on in his fields, insensible to these sensations, is truly of a clodish heart. He is incapable of experiencing that sublime love of Deity, which alone can elevate the soul above the miseries that envelope all worldly concerns, and give, as it were, a foretaste of the pure and exalted joys of a future state.—*N. Y. Farmer.*

THE TOMATO.

The celebrity of this plant has become astonishing. A few years since, prejudice reviled it in exuberance with its most vindictive bauntings. Now, it is an article of so general popularity, scarcely a garden, or an apology for one, is to be found where it is not cultivated, and almost every house is loud in proclaiming its excellencies. The tomato has three kinds or varieties, to wit: the large common, the egg, and the golden drop. We prefer the two last kinds for culture, as they are firmer, or more solid in their texture and more delicate in their taste. The tomato may be started in a hot-bed, or no boxes in the house in March. Then by care, large thrifty plants will be ready for putting out as soon as the season of frost is passed. They do not require a rich soil; this causes them to run too much to vine, but rather an excitement to push forward to perfection. We know of no more sure effective to produce this, than to put say half or a third of a common shovel full of hen or pigeons' dung in the hill. It is admirably calculated for pepper of for tomatoes.

After the early frost had killed the vines last fall, a friend of ours, of close observation and exact calculations, experimented finding the tomatoes that remained to her care. They were readily eaten, and the quantity of milk was increased. This certainly adds another to the thousand and one uses to which they have been applied.—*Southern Planter.*

FARM ACCOUNTS.—What would be thought of a merchant, who did not keep a set of books, and who, at the end of the year, could not tell whether a certain branch of his business had been productive or not? And why is not a farmer as much interested in the result of his operations as a merchant? The prettiest shop-keeper must have a clerk to keep his books with double entries; and yet the most extensive farmer, operating with thousands, keeps no record of his proceedings. The manufacturer opens an account with each department of his business, charging it with the stock employed, the expenses incurred, and crediting it with the products. At the end of the year, he sees at a glance whether it has been productive or not, and concludes to lop it off, or to extend it. So should the farmer open an account with every crop he cultivates—charge it with the seed, and credit with the proceeds. At the end of the year he should take another account of the stock on hand, and he will see at once how he stands on the year's operation. If he is unable to keep or to make an account, he should employ a clerk; (although he had better go to school himself;) he certainly needs his assistance as much as a merchant. But there is no difficulty about the matter—and extracts from a farmer's books, well kept, would form the most valuable contributions to an agricultural paper.—*Southern Planter.*

EARS FOR BEASTS.—If you have any beans on hand which are unfit for culinary purposes in consequence of being mouldy or rancid, wash them carefully and give them to your sheep. There is nothing perhaps, cheaper more palatable at this season, and it will be well for all concerned hereafter to make a point of eats. It is frequently the case that beans are injured by wet before harvest, or by being stowed away damp, become mouldy, and unfit for use. In this condition they are often sold for one half their value, which no consider equal to the best corn in any state. The vines and pods of beans are also an excellent food for the sheep, and should be as carefully harvested by the farmer, as his corn and hay.

CUSTARD WITHOUT EGGS.—One quart of new milk, four table spoonfuls of flour, two table spoonfuls of sugar, seasoned with nutmeg and cinnamon, and a little salt. Set the milk over the fire, and when it boils pour in the flour, which should be previously stirred up to a little cold milk. When it is thoroughly scalded, add the sugar, spice and salt, and bake it either in crust or cups. Economists in the present raising spirit of the age, and housewives will do well to place this receipt in their culinary scrap book.

FLEA POWDER.—Boil eight cents very light, and one pint of milk, one quart of flour, and three quarters of a pound of butter after it has creamed; cut and strew your pieces, rub them to flour and wet them in the batter with half a teaspoon, wet your cloth, flour it, tie it up tight, and shake it frequently to prevent the flour from settling at the bottom; put your pudding in when the water is boiling; have a plenty of water; two hours will boil it well. The same used in make of sugar, wine and nutmeg.

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OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

April First was our last publication day; and had not our memory of dates and days made an April Fool of us, it would have been a marvellous proper time to discuss the origin of this observance, and the nonsense pertinent. Little note was made of the occasion in this vicinity; but we observe that the wags in Boston and other places, duly remembered it. The inquiry has been gravely propounded in the Boston Transcript, "how many horse-shoes were picked up in Broad street?" Thereby hangs a tale. It is exceedingly foolish, or used to be, to take up any thing in the streets of the city of notions on the first of April; for whatever in outward seeming they might, as apparent prizes, have promised to the eye, they were sure to break it to the hope. In this city, on Saturday last, some young rogues found a way of amusing themselves at once ingenious and provoking to the honest. With a malicious capital of a wheelbarrow and a basket of shavings, the three young scamps started on their expedition to catch April fish, as the French have it. One of the three would lie down on the shavings, another would wheel, and the third ask any passenger who looked *miserable* for the nearest doctor. The young rascal lying down, would counterfeit insensibility, till he felt the breath of some compassionate investigator on his face, when he rewarded the good Samaritan with the shout of "April Fool!" More than once the three had to abandon their barrow, and seek safety in flight unencumbered—for their honors made fools enough of themselves to fly in a passion.

Folly, is not peculiar to the month of April, or to any other month—except perhaps the honey moon—and that is a season not fixed by the almanac. Some men have an unfortunate propensity for imagining windmills in their pates, gorgons, hydras, and chimeras dire, at the which they tilt, with all vengeance. Without intimating that our dearly beloved cousins of a certain new paper, are thus disposed to see lions where no such ferocious animals exist, we may state, in order to settle a misunderstanding, that the paragraph annexed, which appears in our prospectus, has no reference to the SATURDAY MUSEUM. That paper was not in existence when it was written:

"It is worthy of remark that the Saturday Evening Post was started on the 4th of August, 1821, and has since been opposed by *all sorts of new experiments, in price and quality*, and yet its publishers have never failed to meet a contract, and *have buried scores of noisy rivals, who have promised more and performed little*, and have eventually died, and been handsomely consigned to the *Old Post*," which has fathered their contracts and supplied the paper to the end of the subscription."

"Who's the next customer."

The Old Post has enough, and business enough of its own, to avoid all envy of contemporaries. The only rivalry it seeks is to produce as good an appearance as its neighbors, if not better; and in this open-handed sort of competition no bitter feelings need be engendered.

Topics for gossip are rather scarce this week. The comet has ceased to be a wonder; and if we have had a snow-storm since our last, such things have become quite a Spring Fashion and not worth talking about. Political matters are rather at a stand still, though the elections, nominations, &c., in different parts of the country begin to make some conversation. It seems evident that there are some members of Mr. Tyler's Cabinet who do not agree perfectly—but this was surmised long since. Gov. Porter has thrown rather an indigestible dish to the State Legislature in his last veto, but that is nothing unexampled in his course. The politicians must settle the right and the wrong of it; but the people generally discover that when different departments of their government smear themselves with "breading" each other off, the time purposes of government are headed off too.

It will be noticed that the trial of Singleton Mercer for the murder of Helserton fills a large space again this week, in our columns. We think that a full and technical report of this trial particularly in relation to the defence on the ground of insanity will be much sought by the legal profession; for certainly no case was ever more ingeniously managed, and more ably conducted than this has been by the counsel for defendant. We have given the main points of the plea; the quotations of authorities, medical and legal, would fill quite a respectable volume.

On our outside pages to-day will be found no less than three tales and sketches, beside the continuation of "Marion's Men." The last page we endeavor to make, as far as possible, an after-dinner department to fill up chinks of time, and impart instruction as well as amusement. There are afloat always in the world scraps of science, morals, incidents, history, wit and humor, which seem intended precisely for the last page—at any rate our last page is intended for them. It is the odd corner.

LADIES' FAIR.

On Easter Monday, the Ladies of the Church of the Advent, Northern Liberties, will hold a Fair in the Temperance Hall, in Third below Green. The purpose of the Fair is to aid the funds of the Church, and it is confidently trusted that the proceeds will amply reward the exertions of those who have devoted time and money in the preparation, by enabling them to place a handsome sum in the hands of the Accounting Warden, as the result of their labor. The congregation is of comparatively recent collection; having worshipped together only two years. Though that period however, though a small society, they have been able to support their church expenses without any appeal to those without; this being the first time, we believe that any means have been taken to invite the co-operation of their friends. We trust that many—particularly those of the same denomination—will come forward to make this a successful effort.

AMERICANS ABROAD.

We learn from the Boston Medical Journal that Dr. Thomas Sewell of the city of Washington, one of the Faculty of Columbian College, whose writings are extensively circulated, and whose reputation as a philanthropist is intimately connected with the great temperance reformation, will sail for Europe in the course of a few weeks. He will go in company with Judge Story, of the Supreme Court of the United States—the most celebrated author on jurisprudence America has yet produced. Two such representatives of the two professions of law and medicine, while the Journal, will be honorable to our country.

TERRIBLE EVENT.

By the recent destruction of a theatre in St. Petersburgh, the capital of Russia, from three to five hundred persons perished! Some died of suffocation—others were burned to death; and the clearing away of the bodies after the extinguishment of the fire, is spoken of as revealing one of the most dreadful spectacles ever witnessed.

ARTIST'S FUND EXHIBITION.

By special invitation we attended, on Tuesday evening, a private view of the pictures in the Artist's Fund Exhibition, preparatory to its being thrown open to the public on Wednesday evening. The display of pictures is superior to what it was last year, or, perhaps, on any former occasion. There are fewer portraits than usual, and more compositions on ideal or historical subjects, though this is not at first apparent, in consequence of the latter pictures being hung low, whereas their view is obstructed by the persons of the spectators. We shall not now enter into any detailed criticism of the exhibition, though we recommend a further visit. We have given the main points of the plea; the quotations of authorities, medical and legal, would fill quite a respectable volume.

The two most prominent pictures are "Christ Healing the Sick in the Temple," by West, and an equestrian Washington, by Sully. The former picture is already well known; the latter is a new and striking composition. Washington is represented as having just checked his horse, and, with his right hand extended, seems about giving a command. The attitude is spirited, the coloring good, and the accessories of the main figure well managed. The picture will be the favorite one of the exhibition. Mr. Sully has another picture to which we must call attention. It is an exquisite portrait of a lady, and *Rosetty* opposite the entrance. It is really the gem of the female portraits.

To instance the numerous other pictures worthy of especial commendation would require more space than we can afford this week. The most truthful composition, in its line, is "The Strawberry Girl and News Boy," by Paige, an exceedingly meritorious composition, which no person of taste can pass by. Huntington is not so well represented this year as he was last. Cenarros has an exquisite picture of a mother and child. Lambdin gives several excellent heads. Our young townsman Rothermel evinces improvement still, and his "Discovery of the Mississippi by De Soto," is far superior to anything he has had on exhibition heretofore. Alston has a little picture of a mother, watching a sleeping child, which we need not commend; it is, however, too statue-like, both in drapery and person, for our notions of the art. A fine landscape, with a fall of golden sunshine in the centre, has been properly given the position directly opposite the entrance. Near this picture is a portrait of a gentleman by Sir Thos. Lawrence, one of the best things we have ever seen, in spite of the mannerism of that popular painter. There is a fine head of Stuart on the right hand wall as you enter the door; while several small pictures, whose titles we have forgot, induce the vision to linger long in their vicinity. Our notices must be general, and may be indefinite, for we saw no catalogues, and cannot refer to the pictures by their numbers.

Altogether this exhibition is highly creditable to the arts, and will be a fashionable resort. But it is not sufficient to purchase *only* a ticket; those—and there are still many—who have the means and love art should encourage our young artists by purchasing their pictures. Mere praise is poor encouragement, and will starve genius to-day as quickly as it has starved it in other times. The true way to foster art, is to sustain the living, instead of wrangling for the works of the dead.

FROM CANTON.

An arrival at New York brings dates from Canton to November 29th, seven days later than those received by the Great Western. By the Cunard ship, it will be recollected, there were no dates from the East.

Every thing was quiet in Canton, though one or two popular tumults have taken place. The Peos of the 19th represents the feelings of the Chinese in Canton as decidedly hostile to foreigners. The Chinese and commercial rebuilding the Bogue forts, but are receiving a message from the captain of one of the British ships of war that the rebuilding could not be permitted until the ratification of the treaty had been exchanged.

Sir Henry Pottinger has issued a proclamation declaring that no British merchant vessel can be allowed to go to any of the ports (Canton excepted) that are to be opened in accordance with the late treaty, until the tariffs and scale of duties shall be fixed and consular officers appointed. In the mean time the ports of Tinghae (Chusan) and that of Koolongsoo (Amoy) are, as heretofore, open to all vessels wishing to visit them. At the latter place a dreadful sickness prevails among the troops, sixty-one of whom have died since July. Letters from Amoy state that accounts had been received there to the effect that only nine vessels, chiefly of the many who were shipwrecked on the coast of Formosa, in the Nethaddis and the Ann, of whom Capt. Denham of the Ann is one. Capt. Morton, his second officer, and sixteen of the crew of the ship Maulmein, have arrived here. The vessel was lost on her voyage from Calcutta to China. The brig Mary Stewart, of Madras, was also lost. A bottle was picked up containing a note signed by the Captain, and stating that at the time of writing—April 28—the vessel was fast sinking.

The Press complains bitterly of a proclamation circulated at Amoy and Koolongsoo, signed "The Americans," and inviting dealers to come to them with supplies of tea, to the amount of about 10,000 chests. It is said by the Press to have been put forth by the American missionaries at Amoy, acting as agents for a Canton firm. The chief transactions for the year are on English account. Prices had opened very high.

MEXICO.

By the U. S. Brig of War Dolphin, we have news from Vera Cruz to March 3rd. The intelligence embraces some items, which are important if true. The following summary is from the Picayune.

Among the passengers on board the Dolphin were Henry Connelly, Esq., a merchant of Chihuahua, and Judge Robinson, one of the San Antonio prisoners, who has been liberated by order of Santa Ana. While in chains at the Castle of Perote, the latter was sent for by Santa Ana, and, after a personal interview, received propositions thought to be of a favorable nature toward the final Independence of Texas. These Judge R., now has with him, and he will proceed with all haste to lay them before the Government of Texas. It is thought by many that the Texan prisoners now confined at Perote will soon be liberated.

Official news had been received at the city of Mexico of the escape of the liter prisoners.

While off Tampico, one of the passengers on board the Dolphin received the news of the recapture of the Texana, as contained in an official despatch from a Mexican officer at Monterey. Some one hundred and twenty had been re-taken by a large body of Mexican troops, and it was thought the remainder had no chance of escape. We are too fearful this news is true.

Santa Ana left his residence near Vera Cruz on the 27th ultimo, for the city of Mexico, where his services were evidently much needed. It is thought that when Santa Ana arrives at the city of Mexico, there will be a change of Ministry, so far as regards the Treasury and War Departments. It is even surmised by some, surrounded as Santa Ana is by home difficulties, that he will send a Commissioner to Texas with propositions for Peace and a recognition of the Independence of that Republic.

At all events, a crisis has arrived in the affairs of Mexico, and at the next arrivals we cannot but look for popular and determined movements on the part of the people. We hear of no further movement in relation to Campeachy, and, from what we can learn, neither troops nor supplies had been sent to that section, within the two weeks previous to the sailing of the Dolphin.

PROFESSOR GREENBANK.

This gentleman, whose reputation as a lecturer upon elocution and oratory, preceding him to this country, has been fully endorsed by large audiences, and many of the most celebrated clergymen and members of the bar in New York and Boston, has delivered during the week a course of lectures at the Chinese Museum. We are pleased to hear it intimated that the course will be this week repeated. Mr. Greenbank is no itinerant pretender, nor is he merely one who can describe what oratory should be, without himself attempting it. His recitations embrace some of the best specimens of oratory ever listened to in this city.

FATAL DUEL.

Judge Waggaman, who was wounded in the duel at New Orleans with Mr. Prieur, has since died of the effect of an amputation to which he was obliged to submit. He had been thirty years in public service, and his public and private life was unspotted. In the maturity of his powers and influence, he fell a victim to that pernicious code, which has outlived the other barbarisms the dark ages. Such melancholy examples as this, each prominent and respected victim, should have the effect, if any thing can, to set the public mind right upon the subject.

THE ADJOURNMENT.

Since our last, the Senate of this State, have reconsidered their vote to adjourn on the 18th instant, and this throws the matter all in the wind again; as the Legislature cannot adjourn without a concurrent vote. The public printing, which has been a bone of contention, is in a way to be arranged in a cheap mode, if not in a satisfactory manner for the contractors. A bill has passed giving it to the lowest bidder,—which bill, no doubt, the Governor will sign.

WISCONSIN.

They do not appear to get on very smoothly in Wisconsin. The Legislature of the Territory met on the 6th March, having adjourned to that day. But as Governor Doty did not recognize the session as legal, at which the adjournment was made, he called a *special session* to commence on that day, but the Legislature refused to take any notice of the proclamation. A proposition to notify him that the Legislature had met, was voted down, only two out of 126 members voting for it. The Governor, however, sent in his message, in which he said, "I meet you on this occasion, being informed by your committee that the two Houses are met for the purpose of holding a *special* meeting." The Council unanimously pronounced the statement of His Excellency a falsehood, and the House pursued a similar course. How the matter will end remains to be seen.

THE VETO.

Gov. Porter says in his veto message upon the bill to elect Canal Commissioners that if it was a bill merely to give the election directly to the people, he would sign it with pleasure; but as it gives the election of a temporary board to the Legislature; he objects. He says "the election or appointment of the Canal Commissioners belongs only to the *Executive or the People*, and cannot be vested in the Legislature without a gross usurpation of power; and, so thinking, I have performed my duty by resisting, so far as I can, the adoption of this bill." It is long—but that is the point of it. He strongly commends the present board—a fact which does not agree exceedingly well with the proceedings in the Legislature relative to bribery, &c. But we have no right to pre-judge, as the person accused has not yet had a hearing.

THE SABBATH.

We observe that a movement is making in New England, to turn the public mind to the necessity of a better observance of the Christian Sabbath. Dr. Edwards, of Andover, Mass., is a prominent laborer in the work. The Boston Puritan states that a meeting of the friends of this reformation, was held in the Old South Chapel, last Monday week, Governor Armstrong in the chair. Dr. Edwards addressed the meeting in behalf of a plan for forming a Sabbath Union, embracing the friends of the Sabbath belonging to the different denominations; and a Committee was appointed of one from each of five denominations —to wit, the Orthodox Congregationalists, the Unitarians, the Episcopal, the Methodist and Baptist denominations—to carry out the measure.

CONTRADICTION.

A story highly favorable to the claims of Mesmerism, which had just started on its tour, is thus mercilessly demolished by the Boston Transcript, which says:—"We are authorized to state by the following gentlemen, that the account in the Morning Post, relating to the woman at the Hospital, upon whom Dr. Warren performed the operation of extracting the tumor, is an erroneous one, the patient *not being in a magnetic state and not at all unconscious* at the time of the operation; Dr. John C. Warren, Dr. George Hayward, Dr. Edward Reynolds, Dr. S. D. Townsend, Dr. J. Mason Warren, Dr. O. W. Holmes.

NEW STYLE.

Among the fashionable news of our sister city, we find a statement in the Boston Journal that the ladies in the good and sedate city of Boston, are about generally introducing the fashion of using *walking canes* in their promenadizations through the streets.

Several beautiful damsels have already made their appearance in public, managing with peculiar grace, these "engines of authority." We certainly cannot "question the *propriety*" of such a fashion, if the ladies choose to introduce it—for they are the supreme arbiters in matters of fashion and taste.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its session in this city on Wednesday, in the church in Eighth above Race. We have not room or time this week to note their proceedings. The sessions will be continued daily, for a week or ten days. Bishops Waugh and Hedding are in attendance, as presiding officers. The number of members in the Conference is about one hundred and thirty. During the sittings of the Conference, there will be preaching every evening, in the principal Methodist Churches of the City and Liberties.

COMMON JUSTICE.

A bill has been introduced in the New York Assembly, relative to the imprisonment of witnesses in criminal cases, in order to have them forthcoming at trials in which their testimony is material. The main provisions of the bill are—if a witness shall be in good faith unable to give the required sureties for his appearance, and shall satisfy the court of such inability, his testimony shall be taken *de bene esse*, that is, to be used at the trial in case the witness himself cannot be had personally present when the trial actually comes on.

THE REPORTED MUTINY.

We are glad to have it in our power to contradict the rumors which have been prevalent, of a mutiny on board of the John Adams. The vessel was at Rio Janeiro, when last heard from. There are two ways in which the rumor may have risen; one from the fact that three men have been discharged from her and sent home for drunkenness; the other that five men have been received on board the John Adams, from a whale ship, charged with mutiny. The best feeling prevails on board.

GOVERNOR DORR.

We perceive by the Providence Chronicle, that Gov. Dorr has again made his appearance in Rhode Island, maugre the price set upon his head. At the last accounts he was at Abell's hotel, in Pawtucket, receiving his friends, and chatting as freely as though he had never been at Chapatchet. And, unless we over-estimate the wisdom of the Rhode Island authorities, he may stay in the State until its close, without incurring any danger of being made a lion of by arrest.

UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT.

Mr. Melzar Gardner, formerly of New England, latterly of Portsmouth, Va., came to his death in an unfortunate manner on Thursday of last week. Having a difference with Mordecai Cocke, Jr., Esq., of Norfolk, the latter raised his cane, and Mr. Gardner drew back and took a revolving pistol from his pocket. Mr. Cocke attempted to take it from him, and in the scuffle it went off and killed Mr. G. Mr. Cocke has been examined and discharged.

THE ACTUAL DISTANCE.

Some curious correspondent of the Ledger has been at the pains to ascertain exactly how many miles the fireman's procession marched. By measurement it is proved to be twelve miles, one furlong, thirty-five perches, four yards, and six inches. A correspondent of another paper thinks the distance was three inches more, but we have not heard of any proposition to remeasure and determine.

BOSTON JOKES.

Some weather-wise New England made certain predictions in January, which the Boston Post thus laughs at now. It is safe to wait before you are funny, on such cases. The Post says:—The old gentleman who "knew the winter was broken" in January, is still in a torpid state. The other old gentleman down East who ploughed in January, has not yet planted his potatoes.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

The Supreme Court in the cases of the Commonwealth against Agnew and Cuyler, decided last week that the salaries of schoolmasters and ministers of the gospel are not liable to taxation under the act of 1841, laying a tax upon salaries. This was in affirmation of the decision of the Court of Common Pleas.

THAT FRACAS.

We gave last week a statement, on the authority of rumor, that a personal collision had occurred at Washington between the Secretaries of the Treasury and the Navy. It is now authoritatively and plumply contradicted. The only foundation for the rumor is the fact that a feeling of coolness does exist between them.

THE NEW YORK MURDER.

A New York paper says some discoveries had been made since the close of the investigation, which afford some hope that the mystery which now enshrouds the murder of Cortlue will soon be at least partially illustrated. That's what they're been saying this two years about the Mary Rogers mystery.

ANOTHER SNOW STORM.

We were treated on Tuesday night to what is hoped will be the last snow storm until after the dog days. The roofs on Wednesday morning were white —but by night every vestige of the white mantle had disappeared.

CATTLE DYING OF HUNGER.—At the West, cattle are perishing by hundreds for want of food, and oats have therefore gone up one hundred per cent.

PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY.

At a Public Commencement held the 31st day of March, 1843, in the Hall of the Musical Fund Society, Locust street, the following gentlemen received the Degree of Doctor of Medicine, at the hands of the Rev. John Ludlow, D. D. President. An address was then delivered by Doctor Hugh L. Hodge, Professor of Obstetrics.

Arrington, Thomas C. North Carolina (Subject of Essay) Dysentery.
Ashton, Samuel R. Philadelphia. Cholera Infantum.
Baker, Charles L. Pennsylvania. Poisoning by Arsenic.
Bullard, Charles E. North Carolina. Cynchonia.
Barnes, William E. Pennsylvania. Cholera Infantum.
Bennett, George H. Pennsylvania. Hamma Heart.
Barkley, Richard F. Virginia. Acute Hepatitis.
Best, John Milton, Kentucky. Stasis of the System.
Brickhead, Edward F. Virginia. Gout.
Bond, John Francis, Philadelphia, Health and Education of Females.
Broom, Jesse T., Ohio. Prolapsus Uteri.
Bowling, William E., Kentucky. Dynamic Illness.
Bradley, Samuel, South Carolina. Acute Gastritis.
Brenden, James C., Mississippi. Scarlatina.
Briggs, Ebenezer F. Virginia. Cutiea Bilious.
Burgess, Jesse, Pennsylvania. Scarlatina.
Burgin, George R. Jr., Philadelphia. Medical Physiology.
Bernell, George N., New York. Artificial Pupil.
Butterfield, Ralph, Massachusetts. Intermittent Fever.
Byrd, Pleasant A., Alabama. Inflammation of the Eye.
Campbell, Alexander H., Pennsylvania. Angina Pectoris.
Cary, Walter, New York. Dysentery.
Chesteen, William A., Tennessee. Acute Arthritis.
Clawson, Isaiah D., New Jersey. Topical Depletion.
Coleman, William H., Alabama. Congestive Fever of the South.
Conway, James H., Virginia. Menstruation.
Cooper, Thomas B., Pennsylvania. Path of Blood.
Coryell, Richard H., New Jersey. Scarlatina.
Curtis, Benjamin W., Maine. Catamenia.
Davis, Charles H., Virginia. Hemorrhages.
Dougal, James, Pennsylvania. Dysentery.
Duffield, Samuel E., Pennsylvania. Arsenic.
Edkins, Simeon J., Alabama. Hydrops Abdom.
Elliot, James L., Pennsylvania. Pyra. and Path. of Blood.
Fennessee, Benjamin F., North Carolina. Ung. Hydrarg. Nitr.
Finney, Oswald R. (M. D.) Virginia. Jaundice.
Gayle, Matthew, Alabama. Nephritis.
Glover, James, Tennessee. Catenfoetation.
Grantland, Fleming T., Georgia. Typhus Fever.
Grigg, Jacob, Pennsylvania. Apoplexy.
Hadley, John L., Tennessee. Typhus Fever.
Haines, Alfred C., Ohio. Fever.
Hall, William P., Virginia. Wounds of Thorax and Abdomen.
Harper, Thomas S., Pennsylvania. Coryza.
Harris, Wm. A., Philadelphia. Iodide of Potassium.
Harrison, Benjamin S., North Carolina. Blood letting.
Hawley, Elwood, Pennsylvania. Gonorrhœa.
Harwell, Rufus S. Tennessee. Acute Bronchitis.
Hinton, Samuel A., Virginia. Fractures.
Holstein, George W., Pennsylvania. Dextra Stramonium.
Housekeeper, Benjamin, Philadelphia. Dropsy.
Hunter, William G. J., Tennessee. Abortion.
Jenkins, Wiley, Mississippi. Pernicious Intermittent Fever.
Jones, Benjamin F., Alabama. Trachitis.
Jones, John R., Pennsylvania. Scarlatina.
Kemper, Charles R. Virginia. Iodide of Potassium.
Kerr, John J., Philadelphia. Management of Children.
Laird, Thomas H., Virginia. Antimonial Preparations.
Leggett, Nataneh, North Carolina. Spontaneous Hemorrhages.
Leman, John C., Philadelphia. Pertussus.
Lindsay, John S., Tennessee. Inflammation.
Lyman, George H., Massachusetts. Therap. of Water.
Maccoun, Robert T., Pennsylvania. Chorea.
M'Guire, Robert L., Virginia. Dyspepsia.
Martin, Gabriel B., Georgia. Abortion.
Mason, Thomas W., Alabama. Acute Hepatitis.
Mayberry, William, Pennsylvania. Delirium Tremens.
Mercer, Thomas S., Maryland, Intermittent Fever.
Merritt, John, Delaware. Acute and Chronic Hepatitis.
Metcalfe, John T., Mississippi. Scarlatina.
Miller, Henry C., South Carolina, on Remittent Fever.
Moor, George W., Massachusetts. Scrofula.
Morrison, Wm. D., Louisiana. Phys. and Path. Lymph System.
Morton, Thomas M., Kentucky. Synopsology.
Moss, Robert F., North Carolina. Diabetes Mellitus.
Murray, Robert, Maryland, Lead Colic.
Musgrave, George J., North Carolina. Hydrocephalus Internus.
Nash, Charles V., Alabama. Delirium Tremens.
Newkirk, Nathaniel R., New Jersey. Homœopathy.
Nicholas, Charles H., Rhode Island. Omnivorous nature of Man.
Parham, Edward H. M., Virginia. Leukocrhœa.
Pearson, Redmond N., North Carolina. Chronic Mucocenteric Inflammation.
Penniman, Jesse A., Massachusetts. Sources of Error.
Pepper, Lawrence S., Philadelphia. Pyrosis.
Pope, John T., North Carolina. Dysopsia.
Rice, Henry, New Jersey. Influence of Mind, &c.
Rogers, William N., Virginia. Hydrothorax.
Reynolds, Thomas, North Carolina, Anchylosis.
Richards, William M. L., Delaware, on Bilious Remittent Fever.
Rogers, John C., North Carolina. Neuralgia.
Sargent, Fitzwilliam, Philadelphia, Nitrate of Silver.
Saunders, James R., New Jersey. Cynanche Trachealis.
Schaack, John S., New Jersey. Articular Rheumatism.
Shavers, James K., Philadelphia. Pleurisy.
Simmons, Edward L., Virginia. Remittent Fever.
Singleton, Byrom, North Carolina, Kidney Disease.
Skinner, Henry T., Pennsylvania, Diarrhœa.
Smither, Richard H., Dist of Columbia. Arsenic.
Stockwell, Nathaniel, Mississippi, Congestive Fever.
Stribling, Magnus W., Virginia. Fecal Circulation.
Taylor, Charles H., Pennsylvania, Contagious Diseases.
Thomas, James B., Massachusetts, Menstruation.
Tickner, Francis O., Georgia. Atmospheric Air.
Tidwell, George R., New Hampshire. Dysentery.
Tyler, John W., Virginia. Acute Dysentery.
Usher, George L., Virginia. Topical Depletion.
Waite, Nicholas, Virginia. Weights.
Walker, William, Tennessee, Struct. and Funct. of Iris.
Wall, Robert E., Virginia. Asthma.
Wellford, Robert, Virginia. Hæmorrh. Diathesis.
Wilson, John J., Pennsylvania. Scarlatina.
Wilson, John R., Virginia, Opium.
Wilson, William, Pennsylvania. Inflammation.
Wolf, Samuel, Pennsylvania. Marsh. Miasmata.
Anderson Bragley, of Virginia, Essay on Fractures of the Thigh, is also entitled to a degree, but from an accidental informality wherein his name was not in time for the Mandamus of the Board of Trustees, the conferring of it is postponed to July next.

At the commencement held in July, 1842, the degrees of Doctor of Medicine was conferred upon

Benjamin F. Nicholls, South Carolina, Pleuritis.
Washington G. Nugent, Pennsylvania, Dropsy following Scarlet Fever.
Thomas S. Rawcliff, New York. Dysentery.
Reuben J. Thomas, Virginia. Acute Hepatitis.

The degrees conferred at the Jefferson Medical College Commencement were published in this paper of March 18th.

Important Trial.

THE TRIAL OF MERCER.

We proceed to give the important legal points in this exciting trial, with such minuteness as to heads, as we trust, to show the drift of counsels' arguments, and the testimony, and still with such brevity as to get the substance of exceedingly long and able speeches, and voluminous testimony into a reasonable space. We are compelled to omit the authorities, precedents and examples cited by Mr Browne, but give the positions of his truly ingenious and able argument.

Mr. Browne confining his researches upon insanity, to this country, premised with the remark that in all civilized nations, insanity has been regarded as exempting from punishment. He reduced this part of the definition to three distinct propositions:

1. Where there is no exercise of free will there is no crime.

2. A monomaniac, or one partially insane, is incapable of exercising free will.

3. The facts prove the prisoner to have been a monomaniac, or one partially insane.

In taking up the first position, the learned counsel said that as those who have argued the plea of insanity have been natured of introducing new fangled doctrines, he should go back to authorities about which there could be no dispute. He quoted the identical words of his position from Blackstone, and then read from Hawkins and Coke their definitions of such deficiencies of the will as destroy moral responsibility, viz: idiocy and lunacy, the two terms then solely in use. But, he said, since Blackstone wrote his Commentaries, this subject has commanded the attention of the learned in Europe and America. Philosophers, physicians and jurists have labored to understand the *state* of these, our unfortunate fellow beings. Lunatics are no longer chained and cast into dens or dungeons, like wild beasts, but are treated like human beings laboring under disease—lunatic asylums have been provided, where men of the brightest talents have employed years in this study. It is no wonder then, that it should be better understood now, than when he wrote. Defect of understanding is now ranged under three classes:

1. *Idiots* who have never possessed sufficient organs for just reasoning.

2. *Imbecile*, whose organs of thought have *lost* the natural force and energy of function requisite for reasoning.

3. *Insanity* who labor under a *delirium*.

The latter are subdivided into two orders.

1. *General*.—In which the delirium extends to *all subjects*, and which is attended with excitement.

2. *Partial* delirium, wherein it extends to *one subject only*, or to a *limited number of subjects*, the patient being sane upon *all others*.

Under the second division of the third class—viz: Partial lunatics or monomaniacs, Mr. Browne placed the prisoner. He cited a great number of cases, decisions, and legal and medical authorities, dwelling cases of monomania into three classes: of the Intellect; of the Affections; and Instructive Monomania. He spoke of the rule in relation to insanity, by which it is said that a man who is capable of attending to his usual pursuits and business cannot be insane; and insisted that if the prisoner has as much reason as will enable him to judge between right and wrong *as regards the act charged as a crime*, he will be liable, and not otherwise. He said that a man may have a very acute general idea of the enormity of a crime, and still believe it innocent and even praiseworthy in a particular case; and he spoke of the apparent design or contrivance which is sometimes illustrated as proof of sanity, as capable of degree from the shallowest mental employed in a lunatic asylum, to pre-eminently the ingenuity of contrivance and abruteness of execution characterize the acts of the insane.

Mr. Browne said that he contended that the court in their charge to the jury, and the jury in their investigation of the case, must proceed no further than the simple inquiry, "was Singleton Mercer a lunatic at the time of the commission of the homicide?" He reviewed the arguments he had cited, stated the law of lunacy, as defined by precedent and common law, and proceeded to his third main proposition: That Singleton Mercer was a monomaniac or partially insane. He said, when you have heard the testimony, you will find that the prisoner's monomania was not that of illusion. Of this character was the erroneous idea that entered into his disordered imagination that "the whole family were disgraced and ruined forever," upon which he based the idea that it was

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Notices of New Works.

RAMBLES IN YUCATAN.—Nobody has forgotten the magnificent volumes issued some time since by Messrs. Stephens and Catherwood, and published by the Messrs. Harpers'. We have here from the same publishers, through Perkins & Purves, two more, equal in attraction, and elegance of getting up to the former volumes. The work contains 120 engravings, from drawings made upon the spot by Mr. Catherwood, and the other portion of the work, furnished by Mr. Stephens, is as pleasant and attractive as have been his previous volumes. To the theorist upon American Aboriginal History these volumes will be invaluable; and in the present feeling of interest relative to the antiquities of America, they will find a place in every gentleman's library. We might add to this notice, but it is unnecessary. The two first volumes of the series will act as pioneers for these; and the sale of this elaborate work will prove that the rage for the cheap has not extinguished all taste for the elegant. We are inclined to think, however, that the circulation of cheap works will forward the sale of heavier ones. Starving people never think of buying dainties—but those who can get their daily food at an easy rate can afford to treat themselves to an occasional feast.

THE ILLUSTRATED COMMON PRAYER.—The third number of this work is ready for subscribers and purchasers, at the periodical depot of W. H. Graham, 98 Chesnut street. The favor with which this work has been received by the public has endorsed the sagacity of those who have undertaken the enterprise of furnishing it. No more appropriate ornament can be imagined for the centre table, in families of Episcopal Christians; and if there be those who do not like the interpolation of pictorial designs amid the text, they concede to those who do, what is certainly a gratification of a harmless, and, we think an elevated taste. Painting and sculpture hold the same relation to prose that poetry does; and whatever refines the mind and leads the thoughts to *proper objects* must work good. For our own part, we have, from the first rejoiced to see this republication and adaptation of a beautiful book, for the American Episcopal public.

THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF THE MEDICAL SCIENCES. *Lea & Blanchard.*—The April number of this standard periodical has been laid upon our table. It contains sixteen original memoirs and essays, two Reviews, and over a hundred pages, in close type, of bibliographical notices, and medical intelligence, foreign and domestic. The work is edited by Isaac Hays, M. D., Surgeon to Wills' Hospital, and the list of his collaborators embraces about fifty of the most distinguished medical men in the United States, residing in all sections of the country. With such advantages the work may be truly said to represent the Profession in this vast country; all the various phases of disease as influenced by climate and position being carefully reported, when they present any thing new or unusual.

AMERICAN ECLECTIC, AND MUSEUM OF FOREIGN LITERATURE — *April, 1843.— Philadelphia: E. Littell.*—This work, for the current month is embellished with a mezzotint, by Sartain, from Martin's splendid picture, the Destruction of Jerusalem. It is one of those subjects which are precisely the best for mezzotint, the strong relief and deep shadow of a conflagration scene being better depicted by this style of engraving than any other. The Magazine for April is a full number; embracing selections from the Edinburgh and Westminster Reviews, the Review of the Two Worlds, Tait's and Fraser's Magazines, the Dublin University, Chambers Journal, and other approved periodicals. There is a goodly variety of smaller paragraphs, and altogether the work supports its high character.

THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST. *Delineated in Two Essays. By Richard Whately, D. D., Archbishop of Dublin. New York: Wiley & Putnam. Philadelphia. J. W. Moore.*—This is the second American, reprinted from the second London edition. It is a work highly esteemed in this country; and written with the ability which marks all the works of Archbishop Whately. Its admissions relative to the claims of the Episcopal succession please a large party in the Episcopal Church, and make it extensively acceptable to other Protestants; while on matters not connected with that theme or its relatives, all Christians unite in commendation of the book.

A MEMOIR OF IRELAND, NATIVE AND SAXON — *By Daniel O'Connell, M. P.—Burgess & Ziebar* have sent us the first volume of this curious work, by the Great Agitator. It reads exceedingly like one of his speeches; and while one cannot read it without feeling convinced that Ireland has been cruelly abused, he must at the same time acknowledge that the author of this pamphlet well understands how to place complaint in a strong light. It is also to be remembered that at the date of the most grievous instances cited in this first volume, the subjects proper of the throne of England had as little to thank the throne and aristocracy for as Ireland had.

THE CRIMINAL HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH GOVERNMENT, *from the First Massacre of the Irish to the Poisoning of the Chinese. By Eugene Regnault. Translated from the French, with notes, by an American. New York: J. S. Redfield. Philadelphia: Thos. Cowperthwaite & Co.*—The title of this work sufficiently explains its character. It must be received with more than one "grain of salt." It is furiously anti English.

CAMPBELL'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE.—This work for April, contains a well selected collection of papers from the leading British Magazines and Reviews:—the Edinburgh and Westminster Reviews; Tait's, the New Monthly and Colonial Magazines, the London Examiner, &c. To have access to such a work as this, is a privilege not enjoyed by Englishmen; since no one of the British Magazines is so valuable as a work containing the cream of the whole.

THE HOUSE BEE, *its Natural History, Physiology, and Management. By Edward Bevan, M. D.*—Carey & Hart have published an edition of this standard work at 31 cents. As it is in a shape capable of transmission by mail, it will much accommodate our agriculturists. The Fourth number of the FARMER'S ENCYCLOPEDIA is also ready. It is illustrated with a lithograph of different species of wheat.

THE YOUNG MECHANIC. *By the Author of the Young Merchant. New York: Saxton & Miles. Philadelphia. G. S. Appleton.*—This is a beautifully printed volume, with an appropriate vignette title page, and a frontispiece portrait of Benjamin Franklin, the American Mechanic. In matter it is calculated to do great good—being excellent advice, pleasantly expressed.

THE LADIES' WREATH. *Drew & Beaumont.*—This is a very good Magazine—of more merit than pretension. It is published semi-monthly, and gives a great deal of reading for its price. A tale from the April number will be found upon our first page of this day's paper.

TREATISE ON DOMESTIC ECONOMY. *By Miss Catharine E. Beecher. Boston. T. H. Webb & Co. Philadelphia. E. C. Biddle.*—This is a new edition of a valuable book, revised with numerous additions, by the author. It is one of those volumes which take their stand in the public estimation, not by acclamation, but by deliberate approval, and which keep the position based on such good foundation.

THE METROPOLITAN PULPIT.—*G. S. Appleton.*—This is a clever work by Robert Grant, and embraces pleasant sketches of the style and manner of some of the most prominent London Clergymen. At the time of its first republication it sold well at the high prices then fashionable; and in the present cheap shape, it will go into many new hands.

PICTORIAL NAPOLEON.—This beautifully illustrated work of Mr. Lorent, has been re-produced in a cheap form, and in every respect except binding, as elegant as the first edition. It may be had of G. S. Appleton, and of W. H. Graham, 98 Chesnut Street. All the current novelties may be had at the same places.

SCENES IN INDIAN LIFE.—*J. R. Cobb.*—These are truly beautiful outline sketches, executed on stone, with the cleanness of copper plate, by Felix Darley. The work will be completed in five numbers, price one dollar, and is as cheap as beautiful. Every American should purchase this tribute to the Aborigines.

THE FAMILY LIBRARY.—As announced last week by us, the Harpers' have commenced the republication of the Family Library in a cheap form—twenty five cents per number. The first work of the series is Milman's History of the Jews, the first volume of which has been received by Burgess & Ziebar.

THE SATURDAY COURIER.—Our neighbors of the Saturday Courier have enlarged, and otherwise beautified and improved their sheet. It is an evidence of prosperity which it pleases us to see in brother craftsmen. Philadelphia will always hold her own in the line of periodical publishing.

SHAKESPEARE'S DRAMATIC WORKS — Harper's Edition, and the Reprint of the Family Library, are for sale by W. H. Graham, 98 Chesnut street, and by Robinson & Jones, Cincinnati. We have spoken elsewhere of these editions.

☞ Colon has sent us the second number of a New York Magazine called the Rover, and a copy of a work on Meteorology, by Samuel Forry, M. D., whose work on the Climate of the United States is so well and widely known.

☞ The Democratic Review for April is out. It has a portrait of O. A. Brownson, an article by Hawthorne, and other matters of interest—principally however to the politician. Burgess & Ziebar have it.

SHAKESPEARE.—The first number of the Harpers' serial edition of Shakspeare, to be completed in eight parts. Burgess & Ziebar are the Philadelphia publishers. It is one of the best editions in the market.

☞ Messrs. Carey and Hart have published two works, at a cheap rate, of great interest just now: "The Last Year in China," and Sir Alexander Burnes's Narrative of a Journey to Cabool.

BRANDE'S CYCLOPEDIA.—We are indebted for the 58th number of this useful serial to Perkins & Purves, and Burgess & Ziebar. It is to be completed in twelve numbers.

☞ Galey & McMichael's April number of the Musical Library, is a choice one, and fully maintains the reputation of the work.

☞ We are indebted to Perkins & Purves for a copy of Harpers' Martin Chuzzlewit.

☞ The fifth and last number of Ure is issued by Appleton.

General News.

SINGULAR CASE OF INSANITY.—During the drenching rain on Tuesday morning, says the Quincy (Mass.) Aurora, an individual of the name of Heustis, was observed bareheaded in the streets with a child in his arms, braving the fury of the storm, and proclaiming "a great and terrible judgment at hand." His cry was mistaken for an alarm of fire, and a scene of confusion followed, till it was discovered the man was actually insane. No cause could be assigned for his derangement, except that he had been living in great destitution for want of work.

BARN BURNING.—A barn, belonging to R. C. Woods, in Dickinson Township, Cumberland county, the second which has been destroyed within a couple of weeks, was burnt to the ground on Friday last. Also Mr. Galbraith's barn, with six head of horses, forty-five head of sheep, and some other stock, perished in the flames, and a large quantity of corn and other grain was destroyed. His loss is estimated at least $1200. Three men, one white and two black, were committed to jail, charged with being the incendiaries.

GREAT EQUATORIAL TELESCOPE.—Prof. Mitchel, of Cincinnati, entrusted with the purchase of instruments for the Observatory at that place, announces through the columns of the Chronicle, that Messrs. Worts & Co., of Munich, are now engaged in the construction of the great Equatorial Telescope ordered by him last fall. The Observatory at Cincinnati, under the control of the Astronomical Society of that city, will, when put into operation, be one of the most complete Observatories in the United States.

SUICIDE.—Passed Assistant Surgeon Richard W. Leacock, of the U. S. brig Somers, committed suicide with a pistol, on Friday evening, in the gun-room of his vessel. He was 28 years of age, and a native of Norfolk, Va. The sad occurrence by which he has closed his life is attributed to a settled melancholy and partial derangement, induced by a long and severe attack of the yellow fever, which he contracted on a former voyage to the Coast of Africa in the U. S. schooner Shark.

INSANITY.—James G. Thorn, druggist and chemist, at 420 Pearl street, New York, was conveyed to the Tombs, on Tuesday, after having demolished the front of his store, and other articles which he threw out of the window. He had undressed himself before commencing. He was secured by means of water from a hydrant, which was brought to bear upon him by a hose pipe. He consumed his books—in fact every thing that came in his way.

AVALANCHE.—On Wednesday, the 12th instant, Mr. Hiram Hastings, aged about twenty, was found buried beneath the snow, about two miles from Windsor, Vt., and near the foot of the Ascutney mountain. On returning from the house of a sick neighbor, a mass of snow on the brow of a hill was started by him from its place, and carried or followed him several rods down, overwhelming him to the depth of several feet, whereby he perished.

TWICE WRECKED.—The schooner F. A. Tupper, from Nassau for Baltimore, was wrecked on the beach, 23 miles north of Cape Hatteras, on the 20th, having on board the crew and part of the materials of the barque Mary Bellare, lost on the Berry Islands, and captain and crew of the ship *Algonquin*. The passengers were all landed in safety, after clinging to the wreck nine hours. They were in the act of giving up when the day appeared.

ANOTHER RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—A serious accident occurred on the Providence Railroad, last Saturday afternoon. The train with the New York passengers had been delayed some time, and was passing over the road, when it came in contact with an upward accommodation train, within four miles of Boston. Two or three cars were crushed, and a passenger named Taylor, and Washburn, the conductor, were injured.

SMUGGLING.—A boy not more than twelve years of age, was decoyed into the back part of a house in New Orleans, on the 24th ult., by a desperado. In a few moments the boy came running out with his throat cut from ear to ear, and the confusion was so great that the villain who committed the diabolical deed escaped. The poor little creature is not expected to live, and as yet the whole affair is shrouded in mystery.

FROM PORTO RICO—*Ponce not Destroyed*:—The Baltimore American says:—"The report brought to New York of the destruction of the town of Ponce, Porto Rico, is untrue. Captain Fry, of the brig Water Witch, at that port yesterday from Mayagnez, P. R., states that the occurrence which gave rise to the report was nothing more than the destruction by fire of one or two old wooden sheds."

RECOVERY.—Two thousand nine hundred dollars of the money fraudulently obtained from the Manhattan Bank, N. Y., by Franklins S. Byrne, by forging the name of Simeon Draper, Jr., has been obtained by an officer from Mrs. Byrne, mother of Franklin, who resides at Pittsburg. The whole sum was $6320. About $3100 have been recovered.

BUILDING IN BOSTON.—The Boston Bee, states that mechanics are likely soon to be employed in that city at good wages, contracts having been completed for erecting about one hundred buildings during the next six months.

FRAUD.—A gross fraud has been committed upon the Milwaukie (W. T.) county treasury, by re-issuing its cancelled orders. The amount already discovered is $1700, and as there are about $7000 of the revenue of the county which cannot be accounted for, it is apprehended that there has been that amount of cancelled orders again put in circulation.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN MIAMI COUNTY, IND.—The Court-House in Peru, Miami County, Indiana, was entirely consumed by fire on the night of the 16th inst. The officers of the Clerk and Recorder were kept in the upper story of the building, and they, together with all the records and papers belonging to the County, were entirely destroyed.

INCENDIARISM.—The Court in Brooklyn, New York, in charging the Grand Jury, attributed the recent incendiary fires in Brooklyn, to the agency of depraved boys, volunteer *attaches* of the fire companies, who, when disappointed in bringing out the engines by false alarms, set fire to buildings in order to accomplish their object!

THE RED RIVER FRESHET.—The losses during the late freshet are estimated as follows:—The number of horses lost in Red River and Pannin counties, 500; and of cattle and hogs, 3000; the number of bales of cotton lost and water-soaked, 1000. An immense quantity of grain and other agricultural products were also lost.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.—Statements taken from the papers in the United States since November 6th, 1842, report one thousand four hundred and fifty-one lives by shipwreck and swamping of common boats, in the United States and a part of the coast of England and France. In no one instance was a lifeboat at hand.

FOR LIBERIA.—A suitable vessel is to be chartered immediately to proceed to New Orleans, and sail thence, with about seventy liberated slaves, left by the late Mrs. Reed, daughter of Captain Ross, of Mississippi, and certain others from Kentucky, for Liberia. This vessel will subsequently touch at Norfolk, Va.

METEOR.—A meteor of great size and brilliancy passed over the city of Savannah, Ga., on the night of the 27th ult. It perfectly illuminated every part of the city, and was described by a watchman to be as large as a hogshead. The watchmen probably meant a pig's head.

☞ Of pork, bacon and lard, put up at Cincinnati during the past fall and winter, to the value of $5,000,000, about half a million, says a Cincinnati paper, was for the English and French market, "now for the first time open to this species of American produce."

☞ The recent seizure of an American citizen by the authorities of New Brunswick has been noticed in the Maine Legislature. On Friday last, a resolve passed the Senate referring the resolutions of the plantation of Hancock to the Governor and Council.

☞ The Grand Jury of Monroe County, at its late session, found twenty-two bills of indictment, mostly against keepers of gambling-houses in Rochester. It is not long since the Democrat boasted that Rochester was the most moral city in the United States.

☞ A Gold Mine has been discovered in Chatham County, N. C., and another in Moore, about 40 miles from Fayetteville, in which 50 to 100 hands are now at work, with a yield of $1 to $6 per hand per day. (Rather oftener $1 than $6, we suspect.)

☞ The Schism Republican says:—Mr. John Schoolcraft, Jr. of the Schoharie Hotel, of this village, now owns the celebrated dog of "Trouble." He is four years of age, and weighs one hundred and sixty and a half pounds. Who can beat this.

☞ The trial of Whitney, for robbing the U. S. Mail about three years ago, near Stockton, was concluded at Mobile on the 22d of March, and a verdict of *guilty* rendered by the jury. The punishment is death.

GRAPHIC.—The comet at St. Augustine is described by the editors of the NEWS, as seen by the naked eye, to be some two feet in width, and one hundred yards or more in length, with a star at one end on it!

SPARING COIN.—The New York Sun says that the banks of that city have resolved to receive twenty five cent Spanish pieces for only twenty-three cents, shillings and sixpenny pieces at the same rate.

☞ One of the assistant Aldermen of New York, Peter Esquirol, Esq., was sat upon on Saturday evening, in that city, and beaten in a most terrible manner. The cause of the attack is unknown.

☞ Dr. Richard S. Steuart, of Baltimore, was on Friday unanimously elected Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine in the University of Maryland, in place of Prof. Potter, deceased.

BIG HOG.—A hog raised in Pelham, N. H., by Asa Stickney, 23 months and 21 days old, and weighing 746 pounds, has been exhibited in Lowell. The lard weighed near 40 pounds.

☞ By Telegraph.—By late accounts received at New York, nothing of importance has transpired. The revolutionists still maintained possession of Jacmel, Jeremie and Aux Cayes.

DEFAULTER.—The Cincinnati Gazette, states that Col. Murray, the Treasurer of Richland county, has become a defaulter to the amount of some six or seven thousand dollars.

☞ £25,000 to Messrs. Brown, Brothers & Co. and £4000 to Messrs. Reiss, Brothers, & Co., arrived at New York from Liverpool on Sunday last, in the ship Cambridge.

A DARK DAY.—At New Orleans, on the 21st ult., at meridian, light had to be used. A torrent of rain relieved the overloaded clouds, and the usual light was restored again.

☞ The canal is open at Harrisburg, and several boats, cleared from Columbia westward, have passed the former place.

☞ Seventy-five thousand hogs, it is estimated, have been slaughtered along the line of the Wabash and Erie Canal.

☞ A schooner has arrived at New York from Havana, having on board thirty-three baskets of tomatoes.

☞ $36,857 in specie, arrived at New Orleans, on the 25th ult.

Army & Navy.

NORFOLK.—The following is an extract of a letter from Norfolk, April 1, relative to the U. S. vessels there.

The frigate Brandywine, Commodore Parker, will sail for the East Indies when she receives her complement of men—it is expected she will first carry the Minister to England, and taking Mr. Everett on board, carry him to China.

Sloop St. Louis, Commander Cook, sails for the East Indies—waiting for men.

Sloop Levant, Commander N. H. Page—destined for the Pacific—waiting for a crew.

Brig Truxton, Lieut. Upshur, sails in a few days on special service.

Store ship Lexington, Lieut. Glendy, bound for the Mediterranean—she will take in her stores at N. York—awaiting for a crew.

Frigate Macedonian, Com. Perry, flag ship of the Coast of Africa squadron, will sail when manned.

NAVAL CONSTRUCTORS.—On the first of May next, the following changes, by transfer, in the stations of these officers, will be made—S. M. Pook, from Portsmouth, N. H., to Boston; Josiah Barker, from Boston to Portsmouth, N. H.; Foster Rhodes, from New York to Norfolk; Francis Grice, from Norfolk to New York.

☞ The Commercial Advertiser contains a letter from Nassau stating that the U. S. brig Boxer arrived there from from a cruise on the 13th. She reports having met in the neighborhood of the Isle of Pines an armed schooner, having a long Tom on deck, and very many men. The pirate escaped.

THE NEW SPRAIN VESSEL.—About thirty carpenters are now engaged upon the "Princeton," Captain Stockton's new steamer, now building at the Navy Yard in this city. It is expected that the "Princeton" will be completed and launched early this fall.

☞ Another court martial assembled at New Orleans on the 24th ult., especially for the trial of Lieut. Henshaw, of the 7th Infantry, on charges preferred by Major Raine, of the same regiment.

☞ Dr. Thomas P. Jones, of Washington, has been nominated, by the Secretary of the Navy to be one of a Commission to test steam apparatus to prevent explosion.

☞ A vessel at Baltimore from Rio Janeiro, Feb. 16th, left the U. S. ships Delaware, Com. Morris, and John Adams, Conover, at that port.

LATEST FROM HAYTI.

By the latest advices, it would appear that the rebels in Hayti were carrying every thing their own way. The public property is entirely in their hands, and the troops of Boyer fly before them in all directions.

Notices of the Dead.

GEN. JOHN ARMSTRONG died at his residence, Redhook, Dutchess county, on Saturday the 1st inst., aged 84 years. He formerly played an important part on the political stage, and was Secretary of War during a great portion of our last contest with Great Britain. He wrote a concise volume of Notes on that War in 1836. Considered as the work of a man nearly 80 years old, it exhibited great vigor and acuteness.

DEATH OF SENATOR MCROBERTS.—The Hon. Samuel McRoberts, Senator in Congress from Illinois, died in Cincinnati on Monday last, aged about 40 years, after a short illness, resulting from a cold taken in crossing the Mountains, on his way home from the session which has recently closed.

THE LAST INVALID SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION GONE.—Died in New London, N. H., March 21, 1843, four o'clock in the morning, Mr. Moses Frussell, aged 80 years and 5 months. He lost his left arm in the battle of Bunker Hill, and has ever since been a pensioner.

THE DEATH OF BISHOP ROBERTS.—We regret to learn, by a slip from the Cincinnati Western Christian Advocate, that the venerable Bishop Roberts, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died at his residence near Lawrenceport, Indiana, on the 27th of March.

FOUR PATRIOTS DEAD.—On Saturday, the 12th ult., no less than four revolutionary soldiers died in Alleghany township, Westmoreland county, Pa.—John Delap, aged 80; John Gallagher, aged 104; Robt. Dauds, aged 79; and John Johnson, aged 103.

HON. THOMAS SHARNON, formerly a member of the Ohio Senate from Belmont county, and brother of the Governor of that State, died on the 16th ult., at his residence in Barnesville.

Religious Intelligence.

RELIGIOUS REVIVALS.—The number of persons admitted as probationers for the M. E. Church since the last New York Annual Conference, in the city of New York, is 3332; in the city of Brooklyn, 739; in the village of Williamsburg, 100. Total, 3371. We understand that other churches have received large accessions—the Baptist especially.

☞ The Mobile Advertiser says that the appointment of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Alabama, conferred on the Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Alexandria, D. C., has been declined.

BAPTISM.—The ordinance of baptism was administered to some thirty persons on Sunday last, at the Central Baptist Church, Philadelphia, in Sansom street.

☞ One hundred new members have recently joined the Methodist Church at Lexington, Ky.

☞ There was at last dates a very gratifying revival in religious feeling prevalent in Buffalo.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

IN SENATE, March, 29th.—Mr. Gibons, from the Judiciary Committee reported the House Bill to authorize the construction of steam water-works on the Schuylkill, &c., recommending that it be negatived, and accompanied by a report.

The bill to apportion the State into Senatorial and Representative Districts was received from the House with amendments. The Senate refused to concur, and it was sent back to the House.

The bill to provide for the payment of Domestic Creditors was reported by the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which it had been referred, and it was then resumed on second reading, the question being upon the 4th section. This section provides for the appointment of three commissioners, James Clarke, of Indiana; Benjamin W. Richards, of Philadelphia; and the State Treasurer; who shall dispose of the Stocks owned by the State in Corporations, which are to be sold for the benefit of Domestic Creditors. The details of the section did not suit some of the Senate, and it was discussed to the hour of adjournment.

IN THE HOUSE.—The "Reform bill" has at length passed, and goes back to the Senate for concurrence. As it passed the House to-day, it reduces all salaries of Government officers 28 per cent; shortens sessions to one hundred days; and reduces the salaries of Clerks and Agents of the Legislature.

Mr. Hancock reported a bill to incorporate the Good Will Engine Co., of Philadelphia.

Mr. Heckman submitted a joint resolution to repeal the act providing for the election of State Printer, and proposing to give it to the lowest bidder. The House refused to take up the resolution.

Mr. Cornelius introduced a bill to abolish militia trainings.

Mr. Rush reported a bill to reduce the Capital Stock of the Bank of Chester County.

Amendments made by the Senate to the bill providing for the appointment of an Inspector of Leather were concurred in.

Mr. Elwell reported a bill relating to Chancery jurisdiction of the Courts of this Commonwealth.

IN SENATE, March 30.—The nomination of Nathaniel B. Eldred, to be President Judge for the Twelfth Judicial District, in the room of Calvin Blythe, resigned, was confirmed by a vote of 24 to 3.

Mr. Headley reported a bill to extend the time for completing the Mount Carbon and Port Carbon Railroad Company one year—which passed three several readings.

The bill providing for the sale of State Stocks and the payment of debts due to domestic creditors, was taken up, and the 4th section, which appoints commissioners to sell stocks, passed by a vote of 19 to 5. The bill was at length passed by a large vote. It provides for the cancellation monthly, of $50,000 of relief notes. The Clerk of the House having informed the Senate that the House had insisted on its amendments to the bill to apportion the State into Senatorial and Representative districts, and had appointed a Committee of Conference, the Senate did the same.

The bill from the House—from the Senate, and from the House again—reducing expenses in the State Legislature and Department, and in the Eastern and Western Penitentiaries—was taken up, and the House bill was concurred in by calling the yeas and nays on every section.

IN THE HOUSE.—A bill passed final reading to prevent the sale of ardent spirits within four miles of the Eastern and Western Penitentiaries in this county, and within three miles of the Beaver Furnace in Clarion county.

A bill relating to the collection of taxes in Lehigh county, and a bill explanatory to the tax bill, passed 11th June, 1840, passed final readings. This latter bill declares that all joint stock companies which derive their profits from banking, are subject to taxation for State purposes. The Senate bill to incorporate the Delaware Canal Company, to take the Delaware Division at $1,800,000, to be paid in State stock, certificates of loan, and certificates of indebtedness to domestic creditors, passed Committee of the Whole.

In the afternoon, Mr. Rush reported a bill to establish the Bank of Philadelphia to declare dividends. Mr. Elwell (Whig) and Mr. Meredith (Locofoco) reported a bill providing for the exchange of certain stocks, for the benefit of domestic creditors.

Mr. Robinson reported a bill relating to tavern licenses.

Mr. Kerr reported a bill for a new county, out of parts of Beaver, Butler and Mercer, to be called Liberty.

Mr. Craig introduced a bill relating to foreign attachments.

The bill to incorporate the District of Penn in Philadelphia county, was amended and passed. The limits of this borough were made smaller than in the original bill.

IN SENATE, March 31.—Reports were made from various standing committees.

The vote negativing the first section of the act to compel the Tide Water Canal Company to receive twenty-five per cent. of its tolls in its own issue, if presented, was reconsidered, on a motion of Mr. Mellon, and the bill passed second and third readings, and was sent to the House for concurrence. The vote on final passage stood, yeas 13, nays 11.

An act relating to tolls on the Cumberland Road, and providing for the laying out of certain roads in the western part of the State, passed three several readings.

The House bill, providing for the settlement of claims for clerk hire of superintendents on the Canals, passed three several readings.

The House bill, providing for certain changes in the plans for streets and water courses in Kensington, was amended, and passed three several readings.

IN THE HOUSE.—Mr. Deal called up the bill to incorporate the Kensington Gas Company; and it passed three several readings.

Mr. Deford, introduced a bill to prevent the importation of free negroes into the State.

The Senate bill, supplementary to the act incorporating the borough of Schuylkill Haven, passed three several readings.

The bill providing for the sale of the Delaware Division of the Pennsylvania Canal, for $1,800,000, was discussed at great length, and passed.

At twelve o'clock, the two houses met in convention, for the election of a State Printer. John B. Bratton had 46 votes, and John H. Dimock 47, for English Printer, but there were seventeen scattering votes, and the election was thus defeated. The Messrs. Smith & Fowle, the agents for this city, are daily receiving letters from individuals who have used it in other counties; many of them having been affected with diseases which seemed to be incurable, but by the use of this article have entirely recovered, and are anxious to add their names and testimony in its favor. Many of these letters are on file, and will be shown to all who wish to see them, by calling at the store of the agents, 138 Walnut street.

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The Markets.

Sales of Stocks.

By the Philadelphia Board of Brokers, for the week ending Thursday.

		Price sold for.
163 shares	Union Bank, Tenn.	39½–39
85	do. Planters' Bank, Tenn.	39
50	do. Commercial Bank,	39
37	do. Camden & Amboy R. R.	61⅝
32	do. Reading R R.	18½
20	do. Penn Township Bank,	14
25	do. Far. & Mechanics Bank,	97½–97⅝
18	do. North America Bank,	97½–97⅝
16	do. Philadelphia Bank,	49½–50
14	do. Kentucky Bank,	65
1	do. Lancaster Turnpike Co.	65
$700	City 5's, 1867.	96
$2000	Lehigh Mortgage Loan,	96
$640	Schuylkill Navigation, 5's, 1858,	68
$1000	Ciucin. 6 per cent. Bonds,	79½
$1500	State 5's, 1865,	79½
$1000	Wilmington 6 per ct. 1860,	70½
$1000	Mortgage Loan,	46
$700	State 5's, 1860,	79½
$1000	State 5's, 1863,	79½
$3500	Penns. 5's, 1864,	79½
$1100	County 5's,	96
$1000	U. States Bank Notes,	94½

Philadelphia Market.

Rosaries—The weather continues cold and unpleasant. A number of vessels from the West Indies and New Orleans have recently arrived, and many of the latter are detained with sugar and molasses. Canal navigation is about commencing.

Bark—Quercitron is steady in price with a limited demand.

Coffee—Sales of 13a1400 bags on landing at 8a8¼ cts per lb for Laguayra, cash and 4 mos; St. Domingo at 6½ cts, 6 mos.

Cotton—Market quiet.

Flour and Meal—There has been quite an active demand for the home trade, and the market is now extremely tight. Some suppliers are coming in by water. The sales for export exceed 6000 bbls at $4 per bbl sales for city use at $4 to 4.25. Rye Flour—Sales at $2.62½, and some at $2.75. Corn Meal—Sales in bbls at $2.31 per Pa meal.

Grain—No wheat worthy of notice arriving; a sale of good Pa. red at 90 cts per bushel in store. Southern is held at 80 to 85 cts. Rye—Sales of Pa. at 52 cents. Corn—No arrivals by water, and it is wanted. Sales of southern and Pa. yellow flat at 50, and white at 48 cts. Oats—None afloat unsold; southern is wanted at 38 cts.

Molasses—Supplies are arriving freely, but there has been a good demand for molasses, particularly N. Orleans and prices are fully sustained; sales of 500 bbls New Orleans at 30 cents, 4 mos. 725 bbls Porto Rico and Cuba, and 200 bbls and tcs New Orleans at prices not reported. Some holders of New Orleans now ask 31 cts. Part of the sales were for another market.

Provisions—Demand fair for pork and bacon, and prices remain without change. Sales of western No 1 lard at 6 cts, on time.

Seeds—All the clover seed to be had at $3.50 per bush. has been bought up, and the market is now nearly bare. *Sugars*—Receipts large and prices steady. Sales of 250 to 300 bbls New Orleans at 5a5¾ cts per lb, 4 mos, and 4 mos less 1 per ct; 60 bbls Porto Rico at 6¼a6¾ cts. A sale of Trinidad brown for export, price not reported. Whiskey—Sales in bbls at 18a18½, and bbls at 19 cts.

Cattle Markets.

Philadelphia—Cattle—The offering included 430 beeves, including 89 from Va.; 340 cows and calves; 287 swine, and 1347 sheep. Beef Cattle—The best condition of the roads in the interior keeps back supplies intended for this market. The offering was all taken, including 89 Va and 125 Pa., for N. Y. at $5.50a7.50 per 100 lbs as in quality. Cows and calves sold at $16a32 for dry cows; $17a20 for springers; and $20a30 for milch cows, with some extra at $33 each. Pa. calves sold in the drove yards at $5a6¼, and Jersey do on the Delaware at 5¼a4 25, live weight. Some being scarce and good, the offering was all taken at $4.50a5.50 per 100 lbs. Sheep—The offering was all taken at $4a 5.50, with a few extra at $5.50; cash.

New York April 3.—At market, 678 beef cattle, 50 cows and calves, and 2500 sheep. Prices—Beef Cattle—Owing to the small number of cattle at market, a further advance was obtained, and we quote $6 to $7.50 as the prices of fattening qualities. Cows and Calves—All at market taken at from $15a$20 to $32.50. Sheep—All sold at $2 to $6.

Baltimore, April 3.—Cattle—About 600 beef cattle were offered, of which 200 were sold at $4.75a5.50 net.

Trade and Business.

Baltimore, April 3.—Flour—Sales of Howard street flour at $5.94¾. To-day there has been a better demand with sales of 500 bbls good mixed brands at $4. Sales of 1000 bbls

Agricultural.

TO KILL WEEDS.

Is there any measure that will kill weeds? is a question not unfrequently put. Will nitrate of soda, or nitrate of ammonia, or guano, or urate? That such questions should be asked, proves one thing at least—that there is a general desire to know how to extirpate weeds. We wish we could add that they also indicate some acquaintance with the rudiments at least of vegetable physiology.

Weeds, like other plants, have each their peculiar constitution, prefer certain kinds of food, and perish on the application of others. We have seen a pound of nitrate of soda administered to a Sunkale plant without visible effect; half an ounce would probably destroy a Dandelion. Common stable manure is prejudicial to Coniferous plants, and in over doses will kill them; an oak feeds greedily upon it. So it is with weeds. Excessive doses of salt will destroy the ordinary vegetation, weeds included, but promote the growth of asparagus in a most remarkable degree, thus proving itself to be a poison to one plant and a nutritious food to another. But salt cannot be used in large doses, it extirpates weeds generally, because it kills the asparagus, very fourish under its action, and most crops will certainly be destroyed by it. Professor Hoskyn succeeded in destroying moss and weeds on gravel walks, by means of corrosive sublimate, green vitriol, and blue vitriol, especially the last. But corrosive sublimate destroys every living form of vegetation, as well as the weeds; and the two sorts of vitriol have no permanent action, encouraging the subsequent growth of many sorts of plants, and so promoting the vegetation of weeds rather than destroying it.

In practice, these chemical agents can only be employed for the destruction of weeds in certain special cases, such as for those paragon which thrives under doses of salt, which kill most other plants; or as tobacco, which feeds greedily upon quantities of nitrate of soda, which would destroy any ordinary vegetation. In general, we must look to other means for killing weeds than of troublesome weeds, and we shall find those means in industry and common sense. The two sparagus are good things, but they are better mixted together. The plain and obvious rule is to keep the sparagus in fast as they appear, and while still in the state of seedlings.

Then every plant that is removed is effectually destroyed, and leaves no young ones behind it. Any boy, at a half-sovereign a week, can be taught to distinguish them; and if the plan is persevered in, there will very soon be nothing for the boy to do. Strict attention must, however, be paid to their thorough extirpation when young; it will not do to pull up at most all, and to leave the remainder to seed; for in that case the labor has to be all gone over again.—*Farmer's Chronicle.*

KEEPING CALVES WITH SHEEP.

Some years since we saw it recommended in the Yankee Farmer, then printed at Portland, Me., to keep young calves with sheep, instead of accumulating them, as is commonly the mode, with separate pens, or permitting them to run with other stock in the yards and about the barns. Having a couple of calves in rather a weak and debilitated condition, we concluded there could be no harm in trying the experiment, and they were forthwith confined in a small shed, having a large yard in front, with about twenty sheep, with which they fed and slept until the period arrived for turning them to pasture in the spring. They perfectly suited each other, and a friendship soon formed a very strong attachment for their newly companions by whom it was ardently reciprocated, and reciprocated with zeal. But this was not all: We soon found that the calves were rapidly gaining, and they became more sprightly and increased in flesh, and were never fastidious or delicate as to food or drink. In the spring they were in excellent order, notwithstanding their feebleness and general debility in the fall had caused us to despair of getting them safely through the winter, and which, in all probability we should not have succeeded in accomplishing by any other means, without extra trouble and expense. Calves that are poor and weak should never be permitted to run with older and sturdier cattle as their weakness prevents them from obtaining a fair chance in anything. When fed out, the poor weak individuals are generally thrust aside, and compelled to pick up the mere leavings of the flock, whereas their condition requires that they should at all times be provided liberally and with the very best. It often happens also, that of the watering place those leaders, sometimes are ill-treated, and deprived of their necessary share. Sometimes, when the water is at a distance, and accessible only by paths, through deep and still snows, they are forcibly thrust out of the path, and left to chill without being able to extricate themselves, or perhaps they are killed outright.—*Maine Cultivator.*

THE FARMER'S LIFE.

Gentlemen allow me to congratulate you on the happy situation in life, in which those are placed, who are engaged in the cultivation of the earth. In independence, in healthfulness, in amenity, it excels every estate. Freedom and economy, and a just estimate of his position in society, are requisite for man in all situations; but to whom are the facilities to independence so great as to the farmer? Favorably situated for avoiding temptations to be led away by the vanities of society, he is surrounded with every thing necessary to comfortable existence. His life, indeed, is a laborious one; but labor is no evil—it conduces to the vigor of the body and of the mind, and certainly it is not in idleness that happiness is ever found. The very place in which his labors are carried on is favorable to him. He lives not pent up in walls, in a confined or insalubrious atmosphere, but in free airs of heaven with the boundless sky for a roof, and surrounded by every thing that is lovely in nature, and calculated to lead the mind from nature to nature's God. The sentiment of love and admiration of the beautiful works of the Creator, leads us to seek him, and to know him, and to adore him. He who can plod on in his fields, insensible to these beauties, is truly of a clodddish heart. He is incapable of experiencing that sublime love of Deity, which alone can elevate the soul above the meanness that enervates all worldly concerns, and give, as it were, a foretaste of the pure and exalted joys of a future state.—*N. Y. Farmer.*

THE TOMATO.

The celebrity of this plant has become astonishing. A few years since, prejudice reviled at its excellence with its most vindictive malignity. Now, it is no article of so general popularity, scarcely a garden, or an apology for one, is to be found where it is not cultivated, and nigest every nation is loud in proclaiming its excellencies. The tomato has three kinds or varieties, to wit: the large common, the egg, and the golden drop. We prefer the two last kinds for culture, as they are firmer, or more solid in their texture and more delicate in their flavor. The tomato may be started in a hot-bed, or in boxes in the house in March. Then by care, large thrifty plants will be ready for putting out as soon as the season of frost is passed. They do not require a rich soil; the causes them to run too much to vine, but rather an excitement to push forward to perfection. We know of no more sure effective to produce this, than to put say half or a third of a common shovel full of ben or pigeons' dung in the hill. It is admirably calculated for pepper or for tomatoes.

After the early frost had killed the vines last fall, a friend of ours, of close observation and exact calculation, experimented feeding the tomatoes that remained to her cow. They were readily eaten, and the quantity of milk was increased. This certainly adds another to the thousand and one uses to which they have been applied.—*Southern Planter.*

FARM ACCOUNTS.—What would be thought of a merchant, who did not keep a set of books, and who, at the end of the year, could not tell whether a certain branch of his business had been productive or not? And why is not a farmer as much interested in the result of his operations as a merchant? The intelligent shop-keeper must have a clerk to keep his books with double entries; and yet the enterprising farmer, operating with thousands, keeps no record of his proceedings. The manufacturer opens an account with each department of his business, charging it with the stock employed, the expenses incurred, and crediting it with its products. At the end of the year he sees at a glance whether it has been profitable or not, and concludes to lop it off, or to extend it. So should the farmer open an account with every crop he cultivates—charge it with the outlay, and credit with the proceeds. At the end of the year he should take another account of the stock on hand, and he will see at once how he stands on the year's operation. If he is unable to keep so simple an account, he should employ a clerk; (although he had better go to school himself;) he certainly needs his assistance as much as a merchant. But there is no difficulty about the matter. Blank tracts from a farmer's books, well kept, would form the most valuable contributions to an agricultural paper.—*Southern Planter.*

BEANS FOR SHEEP.—If you have any beans on hand which are unfit for culinary purposes in consequence of being mouldy or rancid, wash them carefully and give them to your sheep. There is nothing better, cheaper or more salutary at this season, and a gill a day will be of more benefit to them, than a pint of corn. It is frequently the case that beans are injured by wet before harvest, or by being stowed away in damp, warm mows, and unfit for use. In this condition they are often sold for one half their value, which we consider equal to the best corn in any state. The vines and pods of beans are also an excellent food for the sheep, and should be carefully husbanded by the farmer, as his corn and hay.

CUSTARD WITHOUT EGGS.—One quart of new milk, four table spoonfuls of flour, two table spoonfuls of sugar, seasoned with nutmeg and cinnamon, and a little salt. Set the milk over the fire, and when it boils pour in the flour, which should be previously stirred up to a little cold milk. When it is thoroughly scalded, add the sugar, spice and salt and bake it either in crust, or cups. Economy is the prevailing spirit of the age, and housewives will do well to place this receipt in their culinary scrap book.

FLEA POWDER.—Boil eight eggs very hard, add one pint of milk, one quart of flour, and three quarters of a pound of butter after it has strained; cut and stamp your pieces, rub them in flour and rose them to the butter milk half a nutmeg, wet your cloth, flour it, tie it up tight, and shake it frequently to prevent the pieces from sticking at the bottom; put your pudding in when the water is boiling; have a plenty of water; two hours will boil it well. The same food is made of sugar, wine and nutmeg.

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OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

April Fool was our last publication day; and had not our memory of dates and days made an April Fool of us, it would have been a marvellous proper time to discuss the origin of this observance, and the etcetcras pertinent. Little note was made of the occasion in this vicinity; but we observe that the wags in Boston and other places, duly remembered it. The inquiry has been gravely propounded in the Boston Transcript, "how many horse-shoes were picked up in Broad Street?" Thereby hangs a tale. It is exceedingly foolish, or used to be, to take up any thing in the streets of the city of notions on the first of April; for whatever in outward seeming they might, as apparent prizes, have promised to the eye, they were sure to break it to the hope. In this city, on Saturday last, some young rogues found a way of amusing themselves at once ingenious and provoking to the hooted. With a malicious capital of a shoeharrow and a basket of shavings, the three young rogues went out in their carriage to catch April fish, as the French have it. One of the three would lie down on the shavings, another would wheel, and the third ask any passenger who looked saleable for the nearest doctor. The young rascal lying down, would counterfeit insensibility, till he felt the breath of some compassionate investigator on his face, when he rewarded the good Samaritan with the shout "April Fool!" More than once the three had to abandon their barrow, and seek safety in flight unincumbered—for their hooters made fools enough of themselves to fly in a passion.

Folly, is not peculiar to the month of April, or to any other month—except perhaps the heavy moon—and that is a season not fixed by the almanac. Some men have an unfortunate propensity for imagining windmills in their paths, gorgons, hydras, and chimeras dire, at the which they tilt, with all vengeance. Without insisting that our dearly beloved subject of a certain new paper, are thus disposed to see lions where no such ferocious animals exist, we may state, in order to settle a misunderstanding, that the paragraph annexed, which appears in our prospectus, has no reference to the SATURDAY MUSEUM. That paper was not in existence when it was written:

"It is worthy of remark that the Saturday Evening Post was started on the 4th of August, 1821, and has since been opposed by *all sorts of new experiments, in price and quality*, and yet its publishers have never failed to meet them, and have *buried scores of noisy rivals, who have promised much and performed little*, and have eventually died, and been handsomely interred by the "*Old Post*," which has survived all their contracts and supplied the paper to the end of the subscription."

"Who's the next customer."

The *Old Post* has success enough, and business enough of its own, to avoid all envy of contemporaries. The only rivalry it seeks is to produce as good an appearance as its neighbors, if not better; and in this open-handed sort of competition no bitter feelings need be engendered.

Topics for gossip are rather scarce this week. The comet has ceased to be a wonder; and if we have had a snow-storm since our last, such things have become quite a Spring Fashion and not worth talking about. Political matters are rather at a stand still, though the elections, nominations, &c., in different parts of the country begin to make some conversation. It seems evident that there are some members of Mr. Tyler's Cabinet who do not agree perfectly—but this was surmised long since. Gov. Porter has thrown rather an indigestible dish to the State Legislature in his last veto, but that is nothing unexampled in his course. The politicians must settle the right and the wrong of it; but the people generally discover that when different departments of their government amuse themselves with "heading" each other off, the time purposes of government are headed off too.

It will be noticed that the trial of Singleton Mercer for the murder of Roberton fills a large space again this week, in our columns. We think that a full and technical report of this trial particularly in relation to the defence on the ground of insanity will be much sought by the legal profession; for certainly no case was ever more ingeniously managed, and more ably conducted than this has been by the counsel for defendant. We have given the main points of the plea; the quotations of authorities, medical and legal, would fill quite a respectable volume.

On our outside pages to-day will be found no less than three tales and sketches, beside the continuation of "Marion's Men." The last page we endeavor to make, as far as possible, an after-dinner department to fill up chinks of time, and impart instruction as well as amusement. There are about always in the world scraps of science, morals, laconics, history, wit and humor, which seem intended precisely for the last page—at any rate our last page is intended for them. It is the odd corner.

LADIES' FAIR.

On Easter Monday, the Ladies of the Church of the Advent, Northern Liberties, will hold a Fair in the Commissioners Hall, in Third below Green. The purpose of the Fair is to aid the funds of the Church, and it is confidently trusted that the proceeds will amply reward the exertions of those who have devoted time and money in the preparation, by enabling them to place a handsome sum in the hands of the Accounting Warden, as the result of their labor. The congregation is of comparatively recent collection; having worshipped together only two years. Through that period however, though a small society, they have been able to support their church expenses without any appeal to those without; this being the first time, we believe that any means have been taken to invite the co-operation of their friends. We trust that many—particularly those of the same denomination—will come forward to make this a successful effort.

AMERICANS ABROAD.

We learn from the Boston Medical Journal that Dr. Thomas Sewall of the city of Washington, one of the Faculty of Columbian College, whose writings are extensively circulated, and whose reputation as a philanthropist is intimately connected with the great temperance reformation, will sail for Europe in the course of a few weeks. He will go in company with Judge Story, of the Supreme Court of the United States, the most celebrated author on jurisprudence America has yet produced. Two such representatives of the two professions of law and medicine, adds the Journal, will be honorable to our country.

TERRIBLE EVENT.

By the recent destruction of a theatre in St. Petersburgh, the capital of Russia, from three to five hundred persons perished! Some died of suffocation—others were burned to death; and the clearing away of the bodies after the extinguishment of the fire, is spoken of as revealing one of the most dreadful spectacles ever witnessed.

ARTIST'S FUND EXHIBITION.

By special invitation we attended, on Tuesday evening, a private view of the pictures in the Artist's Fund Exhibition, preparatory to its being thrown open to the public on Wednesday evening. The display of pictures is superior to what it was last year, or, perhaps, on any former occasion. There are fewer portraits than usual, and more compositions on ideal or historical subjects, though this is not at first apparent, in consequence of the latter pictures being hung low, whereas their view is obstructed by the persons of the spectators. We shall not now enter into any detailed criticism of the exhibition, though perhaps, at an early day, we may pen a few strictures. However, we cannot pass it even now without a word.

The two most prominent pictures are "Christ Healing the Sick in the Temple," by West, and an equestrian Washington, by Sully. The former picture is already well known; the latter is a new and splendid composition. Washington is represented as having just checked his horse, and, with his right hand extended, seems about giving a command. The attitude is spirited, the coloring good, and the accessories of the main figure well managed. The picture will be the favorite one of the exhibition. Mr. Sully has another picture to which we must call attention. It is an exquisite portrait of a lady, and directly opposite the entrance. It is really the gem of the female portraits.

To instance the numerous other pictures worthy of especial commendation would require more space than we can afford this week. The most truthful composition, in its line, is "The Strawberry Girl and News Boy," by Paige, an exceedingly meritorious composition, which no person of taste can pass by. Huntingdon is not so well represented this year as he was last. Cameron has an exquisite picture of a mother and child. Lambdin gives several excellent heads. Our young townsman Rothermel evinces improvement still, and his "Discovery of the Mississippi by De Soto," is far superior to anything he has had on exhibition heretofore. Allston has a little picture of a mother, watching a sleeping child, which we need not commend; it is, however, too statue-like, both in drapery and person, for our notions of the art. A fine landscape, with a fall of golden sunshine in the centre, has been properly given the position directly opposite the entrance. Near this picture is a portrait of a gentleman by Sir Thos. Lawrence, one of the best things we have ever seen, in spite of the mannerism of that popular painter. There is a fine head of Stuart on the right hand wall as you enter the door: while several small pictures, whose titles we have forgot, induce the vision to linger long in this vicinity. Our notices must be general, and may be indefinite, for we saw no catalogues, and cannot refer to the pictures by their numbers.

Altogether this exhibition is highly creditable to the arts, and will be a fashionable resort. But it is not sufficient to purchase *only* a ticket; those—and there are still many—who have the means and love art should encourage our young artists by purchasing their pictures. Mere praise is poor encouragement, and will starve genius to-day as quickly as it has starved it in other times. The true way to foster art, is to sustain the living, instead of wrangling for the works of the dead.

FROM CANTON.

An arrival at New York brings dates from Canton to November 29th, seven days later than those received by the Great Western. By the Canard ship, it will be recollected, there were no dates from the East.

Every thing was quiet in Canton, though one or two popular tumults have taken place. The Press of the 19th represents the feelings of the Chinese at Canton as decidedly hostile to foreigners. The Chinese had commenced rebuilding the Bogue forts, but desisted on receiving a message from the captain of one of the British ships of war that the rebuilding could not be permitted until the ratification of the treaty had been exchanged.

Sir Henry Pottinger has issued a proclamation declaring that no British merchant vessel can be allowed to go to any of the ports (Canton excepted) that are to be opened in accordance with the late treaty, until the tariffs and scale of duties shall be fixed and consular officers appointed. In the mean time the ports of Tinghae (Chusan) and that of Kowlongsee (Amoy) are, as heretofore, open to all vessels wishing to visit them. At the latter place a dreadful sickness prevails among the troops, sixty-one of whom have died since July. Letters from Amoy state that accounts had been received there to the effect that only nine persons still existed of the many who were shipwrecked on the coast of Formosa, in the Nethaddn and the Ann, of whom Capt. Dunbam of the Ann is one. Capt. Morton, the first officer, and nineteen of the crew of the ship Maulmein, have arrived here. The vessel was lost on her voyage from Calcutta to China. The brig Mary Stewart, of Madras, was also lost. A bottle was picked up containing a note signed by the Captain, and stating that at the time of writing—April 28—the vessel was fast sinking.

The Press complains bitterly of a proclamation circulated at Amoy and Koolungsee, signed "The Americans," and inviting dealers to come to them with supplies of tea, to the amount of about 10,000 chests. It is said by the Press to have been put forth by the American missionaries at Amoy, acting as agents for a Canton firm. The chief transactions for teas had been on English account. Prices had opened very high.

MEXICO.

By the U. S. Brig of War Dolphin, we have news from Vera Cruz to March 3rd. The intelligence embraces some items, which are important if true. The following summary is from the Picayune.

Among the passengers on board the Dolphin were Henry Connelly, Esq., a merchant of Chihuahua, and Judge Robinson, one of the San Antonio prisoners, who has been liberated by order of Santa Ana. While in chains at the Castle of Perote, the latter was sent for by Santa Ana, and, after a personal interview, received propositions thought to be of a favorable nature toward the final Independence of Texas. These Judge R. now has with him, and he will proceed with all haste to lay them before the Government of Texas. It is thought by many that the Texan prisoners now confined at Perote will soon be liberated.

Official news had been received at the city of Mexico of the escape of the Mier prisoners.

While off Tampico, one of the passengers on board the Dolphin received the news of the recapture of the Texian fleet, as contained in an official despatch from a Mexican officer at Monterey. Some one hundred and eleven of them had been re-taken by a large body of Mexican troops, and it was thought the remainder had no chance of escape. We are too fearful this news is true.

Santa Ana left his residence near Vera Cruz on the 27th ultimo, for the city of Mexico, where his services were evidently much needed. It is thought that when Santa Ana arrives at the city of Mexico, there will be a change of Ministry, so far as regards the Treasury and War Departments. It is even surmised by some, surrounded as Santa Ana is by home difficulties, that he will send a Commissioner to Texas with propositions for Peace and a recognition of the Independence of that Republic.

At all events, a crisis has arrived in the affairs of Mexico, and at the next arrivals we cannot but look for popular and determined movements on the part of the people. We hear of no further movements in relation to Campeachy, and, from what we can learn, neither troops nor supplies had been sent to that section, within the two weeks previous to the sailing of the Dolphin.

PROFESSOR GREENBANK.

This gentleman, whose reputation as a lecturer upon elocution and oratory, preceding him to this country, has been fully enforced by large audiences, and many of the most celebrated clergymen and members of the bar in New York and Boston, has delivered during the week a course of lectures at the Chinese Museum. We are pleased to hear it intimated that the course will be this week repeated. Mr. *Greenbank* is no itinerant pretender, nor is he merely one who can describe what oratory should be, without himself attempting it. His excitations embrace some of the best specimens of oratory ever listened to in this city.

FATAL DUEL.

Judge Waggaman, who was wounded in the duel at New Orleans with Mr. Prieur, has since died of the effect of an amputation to which he was obliged to submit. He had been thirty years in public service, and his public and private life was unspotted. In the maturity of his powers and influence, he fell a victim to that pernicious code, which has outlived the other barbarisms the dark ages. Such melancholy examples as this, such prominent and respected victims, should have the effect, if any thing can, to set the public mind right upon the subject.

THE ADJOURNMENT.

Since our last, the Senate of this State, have reconsidered their vote to adjourn on the 18th instant, and this throws the matter all in the wind again; as the Legislature cannot adjourn without a concurrent vote. The public printing, which has been a bone of contention, is in a way to be arranged in a cheap mode, if not in a satisfactory manner for the candidates. A bill has passed giving it to the lowest bidder,—which bill, no doubt, the Governor will sign.

WISCONSIN.

They do not appear to get on very sociably in Wisconsin. The Legislature of the Territory met on the 6th March, having adjourned to that day. But as Governor Doty did not recognize the session as legal, at which the adjournment was made, he called a special session to commence on that day, but the Legislature refused to take any notice of the proclamation. A proposition to notify him that the Legislature had met, was voted down, only two out of 126 members voting for it. The Governor, however, sent in his message, in which he said, "I meet you on this occasion, being informed by your committee that the two Houses are met for the purpose of holding a special meeting." The Council unanimously pronounced the statement of His Excellency a falsehood, and the House pursued a similar course. How the matter will end remains to be seen.

THE VETO.

Gov. Porter says in his veto message upon the bill to elect Canal Commissioners that if it was a bill merely to give the election directly to the people, he would sign it with pleasure; but as it gives the election of a temporary board to the Legislature; he objects. He says "the election or appointment of the Canal Commissioners belongs only to the *Executive or the People*, and cannot be vested in the Legislature without a gross usurpation of power; and, so thinking, I have performed my duty by resisting, as far as I can, the adoption of this bill." It is long—but that is the point of it. He strongly commends the present board—a fact which does not agree exceedingly well with the proceedings in the Legislature relative to bribery, &c, But we have no right to pre-judge, as the person accused has not yet had a hearing.

THE SABBATH.

We observe that a movement is making in New England, to turn the public mind to the necessity of a better observance of the Christian Sabbath. Dr. Edwards, of Andover, Mass., is a prominent laborer in the work. The Boston Puritan states that a meeting of the friends of this reformation, was held in the Old South Chapel, last Monday week, Governor Armstrong in the chair. Dr. Edwards addressed the meeting in behalf of a plan for forming a Sabbath Union, embracing the friends of the Sabbath belonging to the different denominations; and a Committee was appointed of one from each of five denominations —to wit, the Orthodox Congregational, the Unitarian, the Episcopal, the Methodist and Baptist denominations—to carry out the measure.

CONTRADICTION.

A story highly favorable to the claims of Mesmerism, which had just started on its tour, is thus mercilessly demolished by the Boston Transcript, which says:—"We are authorized to state by the following gentlemen, that the account in the Morning Post, relating to the woman at the Hospital, upon whom Dr. Warren performed the operation of extracting the tumor, is an erroneous one, the patient *not being in a magnetic state and not at all unconscious* at the time of the operation; Dr. John C. Warren, Dr. George Hayward, Dr. Edward Reynolds, Dr. S. D. Townsend, Dr. J. Mason Warren, Dr. O. W. Holmes.

NEW STYLE.

Among the fashionable news of our sister city, we find a statement in the Boston Journal that the ladies in the good and sedate city of Boston, are about generally introducing the fashion of using *walking canes* in their promenadations through the streets! Several beautiful damsels have already made their appearance in public, sporting with a peculiar grace, these "engines of authority." We certainly cannot "question the *propriety*" of such a fashion, if the ladies choose to introduce it—for they are the supreme arbiters in matters of fashion and taste.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced its session in this city on Wednesday, in the church in Eighth above Race. We have not room or time this week to note their proceedings. The sessions will be continued daily, for a week or ten days. Bishops Waugh and Hedding are in attendance, as presiding officers. The number of members in the Conference is about one hundred and thirty. During the sittings of the Conference, there will be preaching every evening, in the principal Methodist Churches of the City and Liberties.

COMMON JUSTICE.

A bill has been introduced in the New York Assembly, relative to the imprisonment of witnesses in criminal cases, in order to have them forthcoming at trials in which their testimony is material. The main provisions of the bill are—if a witness shall be in good faith unable to give the required sureties for his appearance, and shall satisfy the court of such inability, his testimony shall be taken *de bene esse*, that is, to be used at the trial in case the witness himself cannot be had personally present when the trial actually comes on.

THE REPORTED MUTINY.

We are glad to have it in our power to contradict the rumors which have been prevalent, of a mutiny on board of the John Adams. The vessel was at Rio Janeiro, when last heard from. There are two ways in which the rumor may have risen; one from the fact that three men have been discharged from her and sent home for drunkenness; the other that five men have been received on board the John Adams, from a whale ship, charged with mutiny. The best feeling prevails on board.

GOVERNOR DORR.

We perceive by the Providence Chronicle, that Gov. Dorr has again made his appearance in Rhode Island, maugre the price set upon his head. At the last accounts he was at Abell's hotel, in Pawtucket, receiving his friends, and chatting as freely as though he had never been at Chapatchet. And, unless we over-estimate the wisdom of the Rhode Island authorities, he may stay in the State until he does, without incurring any danger of being made a lion of by arrest.

UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT.

Mr. Melzar Gardner, formerly of New England, latterly of Portsmouth, Va., came to his death in an unfortunate manner on Thursday of last week. Having a difference with Mordecai Cooke, Jr., Esq., of Norfolk, the latter raised his cane, and Mr. Gardner drew back and took a revolving pistol from his pocket. Mr. Cooke attempted to take it from him, and in the scuffle it went off and killed Mr. G. Mr. Cooke has been examined and discharged.

THE ACTUAL DISTANCE.

Some curious correspondent of the Ledger has been at the pains to ascertain exactly how many miles the fireman's procession marched. By measurement it is proved to be twelve miles, one furlong, thirty-five perches, four yards, and six inches. A correspondent of another paper thinks the distance was three inches more, but we have not heard of any proposition to remeasure and determine.

BOSTON JOKES.

Some weatherwise New England mode certain predictions in January, which the Boston Post then laughs at now. It is safe to wait before you are funny, on such cases. The Post says:—The old gentleman who "knew the winter was broken" in January, is still in a torpid state. The other old gentleman down East who ploughed in January, has not yet planted his potatoes.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

The Supreme Court in the cases of the Commonwealth against Agnew and Cuyler, decided last week that the salaries of schoolmasters and ministers of the gospel are not liable to taxation under the act of 1841, laying a tax upon salaries. This was in affirmation of the decision of the Court of Common Pleas.

THAT FRACAS.

We gave last week a statement, on the authority of rumor, that a personal collision had occurred at Washington between the Secretaries of the Treasury and the Navy. It is now authoritatively and pluraply contradicted. The only foundation for the rumor is the fact that a feeling of coolness does exist between them.

THE NEW YORK MURDER.

A *New York* paper says some discoveries had been made since the close of the investigation, which afford some hope that the mystery which now envelopes the murder of Carlton will soon be at least partially dissipated. That's what they've been saying this two years about the Mary Rogers mystery.

ANOTHER SNOW STORM.

We were treated on Tuesday night to what is hoped will be the last snow storm until after the dog days. The roofs on Wednesday morning were white —but by night every vestige of the white mantle had disappeared.

CATTLE DYING OF HUNGER.—At the West, cattle are perishing by hundreds for want of food, and cats have therefore gone up one hundred per cent.

PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY.

At a Public Commencement held the 31st day of March, 1843, in the Hall of the Musical Fund Society, Locust street, the following gentlemen received the Degree of Doctor of Medicine, at the hands of the Rev. John Ludlow, D. D. President. An address was then delivered by Doctor Hugh L. Hodge, Professor of Obstetrics.

Arrington, Thomas C. South Carolina (Subject of Essay) Dysentery.
Ashton, Samuel F. Philadelphia, Cholera Infantum.
Baker, Charles L. Pennsylvania, Poisoning by Arsenic.
Ballard, Charles E. North Carolina, Cynchanche.
Barnes, William E. Pennsylvania, Cholera Infantum.
Bennett, George H. Pennsylvania, Hooping Cough.
Berkley, Richard F. Virginia, Acute Hepatitis.
Best, John Milton, Kentucky, Stones of the System.
Birchhead, Edward F. Virginia, Gout.
Bird, John Francis, Philadelphia, Health and Education of Females.
Bond, Jesse T., Ohio, Prolapsus Uteri.
Bowling, Wilson E., Kentucky, Dysmic Bilious.
Bradley, Samuel, South Carolina, Acute Gastritis.
Brandon, James C., Mississippi, Scarlatina.
Briggs, Edmund L., Virginia, Cholera Bilious.
Burgoon, Jesse, Pennsylvania, Scarlatina.
Burgin, George H. Jr., Philadelphia, Medical Physiology.
Burwell, George N., New York, Artificial Pupil.
Butterfield, Ralph, Massachusetts, Intermittent Fever.
Byrd, Fleviet A., Alabama, Inflammation of the Eye.
Campbell, Alexander H., Pennsylvania, Angina Pectoris.
Cary, Walter, New York, Dysentery.
Cheatham, William A., Tennessee, Acute Arthritis.
Clawson, Isaiah D., New Jersey, Topical Depletion.
Coleman, William H., Alabama, Congestive Fever of the South.
Conway, James H., Virginia, Menstruation.
Cooper, Thomas B., Pennsylvania, Path of Blood.
Coryell, Richard H., New Jersey, Scarlatina.
Curtis, Benjamin W., Maine, Catamenia.
Davis, Charles H., Virginia, Hemorrhages.
Dougal, James, Pennsylvania, Dysentery.
Duffield, Samuel E., Pennsylvania, Arsenic.
Edding, Sowson J., Alabama, Hydrops Abdomen.
Elliott, James L., Pennsylvania, Phys. and Path. of Blood.
Fessenden, Benjamin F., North Carolina, Ung. Hydrarg. Nitr.
Finney, Oswald R., (M. D.) Virginia, Jaundice.
Gayle, Matthew, Alabama, Nephritis.
Gower, James, Tennessee, Colorfacieus.
Grantland, Fleming T., Georgia, Typhus Fever.
Grigg, Jacob, Pennsylvania, Apoplexy.
Hadley, John L., Tennessee, Typhus Fever.
Haines, Alfred C., Ohio, Fever.
Hall, William P., Virginia, Wounds of Thorax and Abdomen.
Harper, Thomas S., Pennsylvania, Coryza.
Harris, Wm. A., Philadelphia, Iodide of Potassium.
Hinton, Benjamin S., North Carolina, Blood letting.
Hawley, Elwood, Pennsylvania, Gonorrhœa.
Harwell, Rufus S., Tennessee, Acute Bronchitis.
Hinton, Samuel A., Virginia, Fracture.
Holstein, George W., Pennsylvania, Datura Stramonium.
Housekeeper, Benjamin, Philadelphia, Dropsy.
Hunter, William G. J., Tennessee, Abortion.
Jenkins, Wiley, Mississippi, Pernicious Intermittent Fever.
Jones, Benjamin F., Alabama, Trachitis.
Jones, John R., Pennsylvania, Scarlatina.
Kemper, Charles R., Virginia, Iodide of Potassium.
Kerr, John J., Philadelphia, Management of Children.
Laird, Thomas H., Virginia, Antimonial Preparations.
Leggett, Nazareth, North Carolina, Spontaneous Hemorrhage.
Leman, John C., Philadelphia, Pertussis.
Lindsley, John B., Tennessee, Inflammation.
Lyman, George H., Massachusetts, Drowning, Stage of Water.
Macoun, Robert T., Pennsylvania, Chorea.
M'Guire, Robert L., Virginia, Dyspepsia.
Martin, Gabriel S., Georgia, Abortion.
Mason, Thomas W., Alabama, Acute Hepatitis.
Mayberry, William, Pennsylvania, Delirium Tremens.
Mercer, Thomas S., Maryland, Intermittent Fever.
Merritt, John, Delaware, Acute and Chronic Hepatitis.
Metcalfe, John T., Mississippi, Cynanche.
Miller, Henry C., South Carolina, Intermittent Fever.
Moor, George W., Massachusetts, Scrofula.
Morrison, Wm. O., Louisiana, Phys. and Path. Lymph. System.
Morton, Thomas M., Kentucky, Dysentery.
Moss, Robert P., South Carolina, Diabetes Mellitus.
Murray, Robert, Maryland, Lead Colic.
Musgrave, George J., North Carolina, Hydrocephalus Internus.
Nash, Chris V., Alabama, Delirium Tremens.
Newkirk, Nathaniel R., New Jersey, Homœopathy.
Nichols, Charles H., Rhode Island, Omnivorous nature of Man.
Parham, Edward H. M., Virginia, Leukœorhœa.
Pearson, Richmond N., North Carolina, Chronic Mucous Inflammation.
Penniman, Jesse A., Massachusetts, Sources of Error.
Pepper, Lawrence S., Philadelphia, Pneumonia.
Poe, John T., North Carolina, Dysmic Bilious.
Race, Henry, New Jersey, Influence of Mind, &c.
Raines, William N., Virginia, Hydrocele.
Reynolds, Thomas, North Carolina, Anchylosis.
Rockrill, William M. L., Delaware, on Bilious Remittent Fever.
Rogers, John C., North Carolina, Neuralgia.
Sargent, Fitzwilliam, Philadelphia, Nature of Silver.
Saunders, Thomas J., New Jersey, Cholera Morbus.
Schenck, John S., New Jersey, Articulate Rheumatism.
Shivers, James K., Philadelphia, Pleurisy.
Simmons, Edward L., Virginia, Remitting Fever.
Singleton, Spyers, North Carolina, Epidemic Miasma.
Sinnamer, Henry T., Pennsylvania, Diarrhœa.
Smith, Richard H., Dist. of Columbia, Atraxic.
Sorrell, Nathaniel, Mississippi, Continued Fever.
Stribling, Magaw W., Virginia, Fecial Circulation.
Taylor, Charles H., Pennsylvania, Contagious Diseases.
Thomas, Jason B., Massachusetts, Menstruation.
Tickner, Francis O., Georgia, Atmospheric Air.
Tuttle, Daniel S., New Hampshire, Decubitus.
Tyler, John W., Virginia, Acute Dysentery.
Usher, George L., Virginia, Topical Depletion.
Walker, Robert, Virginia, Wounds.
Walker, William, Tennessee, Struct. and Funct. of Iris.
Wall, Robert E., Virginia, Asthma.
Watford, Robert, Virginia, Hemorrh. Diarrhœa.
Wilson, John J., Pennsylvania, Scarlatina.
Wilson, John R., Virginia, Opium.
Wilson, William L., Pennsylvania, Inflammation.
Wolf, Samuel, Pennsylvania, Marsh, Miasmata.
Anderson Bragley, of Virginia, Essay on Fractures of the Thigh, is also entitled to a degree, but from an accidental informality wherein his name was not in time for the Mandamus of the Board of Trustees, the conferring of it is postponed to July next.
At the commencement held in July, 1842, the Degree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred upon
Benjamin F. Nicholls, South Carolina, Pleuritis.
Washington G. Nugent, Pennsylvania, Dropsy following Scarlet Fever.
Thomas S. Kepperly, New York, Dysmenia.
Reuben J. Thomas, Virginia, Acute Hepatitis.
The degrees conferred at the Jefferson Medical College Commencement were published in this paper of March 18th.

Important Trial.

THE TRIAL OF MERCER.

We proceed to give the important legal points in this exciting trial, with such minuteness as to heads, as we trust, to show the drift of counsels' arguments, and the testimony, and still with such brevity as to get the substance of exceedingly long and able speeches, and voluminous testimony into a reasonable space. We are compelled to omit the authorities, precedents and examples cited by Mr Browne, but give the positions of his truly ingenious and able argument.

Mr. Browne confining his researches upon insanity to this country, premised with the remark that in all civilized nations, insanity has been regarded as exempting from punishment. He reduced this part of the defence to three distinct propositions:

1. Where there is no exercise of free will there is no crime.

2. A monomaniac, or one partially insane, is incapable of exercising free will.

3. The facts prove the prisoner to have been a monomaniac, or one partially insane.

In taking up the first position, the learned counsel said that as those who have argued the plea of insanity have been accused of introducing new fangled doctrines, he should go back to authorities about which there could be no dispute. He quoted the identical words of his position from Blackstone, and then read from Blackstone and Coke their definitions of such deficiencies of the will as destroy moral agency, viz: idi

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Notices of New Works.

RAMBLES IN YUCATAN.—Nobody has forgotten the magnificent volumes issued some time since by Messrs. Stephens and Catherwood, and published by the Messrs. Harpers'. We have here from the same publishers, through Perkins & Purves, two more, equal in attraction, and elegance of getting up to the former volumes. The work contains 120 engravings, from drawings made upon the spot by Mr. Catherwood, and the other portion of the work, furnished by Mr. Stephens, is as pleasant and attractive as have been his previous volumes. To the theorist upon American Aboriginal History those volumes will be invaluable; and in the present feeling of interest relative to the antiquities of America, they will find a place in every gentleman's library. We might add to this notice, but it is unnecessary. The two first volumes of the series will act as pioneers for these; and the sale of this elaborate work will prove that the rage for the cheap has not extinguished all taste for the elegant. We are inclined to think, however, that the circulation of cheap works will forward the sale of heavier ones. Starving people never think of buying dainties—but those who can get their daily food at an easy rate can afford to treat themselves to an occasional feast.

THE ILLUSTRATED COMMON PRAYER.—The third number of this work is ready for subscribers and purchasers, at the periodical depot of W. H. Graham, 98 Chesnut street. The favor with which this work has been received by the public has endorsed the sagacity of those who have undertaken the enterprise of furnishing it. No more appropriate ornament can be imagined for the centre table, in families of Episcopal Christians; and if there be those who do not like the interpolation of pictorial designs amid the text, they concede to those who do, what is certainly a gratification of a harmless, and, we think an elevated taste. Painting and sculpture hold the same relation to prose that poetry does; and whatever refines the mind and leads the thoughts to proper objects must work good. For our own part, we have, from the first rejoiced to see this republication and adaptation of a beautiful book, for the American Episcopal public.

THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF THE MEDICAL SCIENCES. *Lea & Blanchard.*—The April number of this standard periodical has been laid upon our table. It contains sixteen original memoirs and essays, two Reviews, and a large collection of highclass types, of bibliographical notices, and medical intelligence, foreign and domestic. The work is edited by Isaac Hays, M. D., Surgeon to Wills' Hospital, and the list of his collaborators embraces about fifty of the most distinguished medical men in the United States, residing in all sections of the country. With such advantages the work may be truly said to represent the *Profession* in this vast country; all the various phases of disease as influenced by climate and position being carefully reported, when they present any thing new or unusual.

AMERICAN ECLECTIC, AND MUSEUM OF FOREIGN LITERATURE — *April, 1843.— Philadelphia: E. Littell.*—This work, for the current month is embellished with a mezzotint, by Sartain, from Martin's splendid picture, the Destruction of Jerusalem. It is one of those subjects which are precisely the best for mezzotint, the strong relief and deep shadow of a conflagration scene being better depicted by this style of engraving than any other. The Magazine for April is a full number; embracing selections from the Edinburgh and Westminster Reviews, the Review of the Two Worlds, Tait's and Fraser's Magazines, the London University, Chambers Journal, and other approved periodicals. There is a goodly variety of smaller paragraphs, and altogether the work supports its high character.

THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST. *Delineated in Two Essays. By Richard Whately, D. D., Archbishop of Dublin. New York: Wiley & Putnam. Philadelphia: G. W. Moore.*—This is the second American edition, printed from the second London edition. It is a work highly esteemed in this country; and written with the ability which marks all the works of Archbishop Whately. Its admissions relative to the claims of the Episcopal succession please a large party in the Episcopal Church, and make it extensively acceptable to other Protestants; while on matters not connected with that theme or its relations, all Christians unite in commendation of the work.

A MEMOIR OF IRELAND, NATIVE AND NATION.—*By Daniel O'Connell, M. P.*—Burgess & Zieber have sent us the first volume of this curious work, by the Great Agitator. It reads exceedingly like one of his speeches; and while one cannot read it without feeling convinced that Ireland has been cruelly abused, he must at the same time acknowledge that the author of this pamphlet well understands how to place complaint in a strong light. It is also to be remembered that at the date of the most grievous instances cited in this first volume, the subjects proper of the throne of England had as little to thank the throne and aristocracy for as Ireland had.

THE CRIMINAL HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH GOVERNMENT, *from the First Massacre of the Irish, to the Poisoning of the Chinese. By Eugene Regnault. Translated from the French, with notes, by an American. New York: J. S. Redfield. Philadelphia: Thos. Cowperthwaite & Co.*—The title of this work sufficiently explains its character. It must be received with more than one "grain of salt." It is furiously anti English.

CAMPBELL'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE.—This work for April, contains a well selected collection of papers from the leading British Magazines and Reviews:—the Edinburgh and Westminster Reviews; Tait's, the New Monthly and Colonial Magazines, the London Examiner, &c. To have access to such a work as this, is a privilege not enjoyed by Englishmen; since no one of the British Magazines is so valuable as a work containing the cream of the whole.

THE HORSE BOY, *its Natural History, Physiology, and Management. By Edward Bevan, M. D.*—Carey & Hart have published an edition of this standard work at 31 cents. As it is in a shape capable of transmission by mail, it will much accommodate our agriculturists. The Fourth number of the FARMER'S ENCYCLOPEDIA is also ready. It is illustrated with a lithograph of different species of wheat.

THE YOUNG MECHANIC. *By the Author of the Young Merchant. New York: Saxton & Miles. Philadelphia: G. S. Appleton.*—This is a beautifully printed volume, with an appropriate vignette title page, and a frontispiece portrait of Benjamin Franklin, the American Mechanic. In matter it is calculated to do great good—being excellent advice, pleasantly expressed.

THE LADIES' WREATH. *Drew & Roumell.*—This is a very good Magazine—of more merit than pretension. It is pantilessed semi-monthly, and gives a great deal of reading for its price. A tale from the April number will be found upon our first page of this day's paper.

TREATISE ON DOMESTIC ECONOMY. *By Miss Catherine E Beecher. Boston: T. H. Webb & Co. Philadelphia: E. C. Biddle.*—This is a new edition of a valuable book, revised with numerous additions, by the author. It is one of those volumes which take their stand in the public estimation, not by acclamation, but by deliberate approval, and which keep the position based on such good foundation.

THE METROPOLITAN PULPIT.—*G. S. Appleton.*—This is a clever work by Robert Grant, and embraces pleasant sketches of the style and manner of some of the most prominent London Clergymen. At the time of its first republication it sold well at the high prices then fashionable; and in the present cheap shape, it will go into many new hands.

PICTORIAL NAPOLEON.—This beautifully illustrated work of Mr. Laurent, has been re-produced in a cheap form, and in every respect except binding, as elegant as the first edition. It may be had of G. S. Appleton, and of W. H. Graham, 99 Chesnut Street. All the current novelties may be had at the same places.

SCENES IN INDIAN LIFE.—*J. R. Cobb.*—These are truly beautiful outline sketches, executed on stone, with the cleanness of copper plate, by Felix Darley. The work will be completed in five numbers, price one dollar, and is as cheap as beautiful. Every American should purchase this tribute to the Aborigines.

THE FAMILY LIBRARY.—As announced last week by us, the Harpers' have commenced the republication of the Family Library in a cheap form—twenty five cents per number. The first work of the series is Milman's History of the Jews, the first volume of which has been received by Burgess & Zieber.

THE SATURDAY COURIER.—Our neighbors of the Saturday Courier have enlarged, and otherwise beautified and improved their sheet. It is an evidence of *prosperity* which it pleases us to see in brother gentlemen. Philadelphia will always hold her own in the line of periodical publishing.

SHAKESPEARE'S DRAMATIC WORKS — Harper's Edition, and the Reprint of the Family Library, are for sale by W. H. Graham, 98 Chesnut street, and by Robinson & Jones, Cincinnati. We have spoken elsewhere of these editions.

☞ Colton has sent us the second number of a New York Magazine called the Rover, and a copy of a work on Meteorology, by Samuel Forry, M. D., whose work on the Climate of the United States is so well and widely known.

☞ The Democratic Review for April is out. It has a portrait of O. A. Brownson, an article by Hawthorne, and other matters of interest—principally however to the politician. Burgess & Zieber have it.

SHAKESPEARE.—The first number of the Harpers' serial edition of Shakspeare, to be completed in eight parts. Burgess & Zieber are the Philadelphia publishers. It is one of the best editions in the market.

☞ Messrs. Carey and Hart have published two works, at a cheap rate, of great interest just now: "The Last Year in China," and Sir Alexander Burnes's Narrative of a Journey to Cabool.

BRANDE'S CYCLOPEDIA.—We are indebted for the fifth number of this useful serial to Perkins & Purves, and Burgess & Zieber. It is to be completed in twelve numbers.

☞ Godey & McMichael's April number of the Musical Library, is a choice one, and fully maintains the reputation of the work.

☞ We are indebted to Perkins & Purves for a copy of Harpers' Martin Chuzzlewit.

☞ The fifth and last number of Ure is issued by Appleton.

General News.

SINGULAR CASE OF INSANITY.—During the drenching rain on Tuesday morning, says the Quincy (Mass.) Aurora, an individual of the name of Hemiss, was observed barebreasted in the streets with a child in his arms, braving the fury of the storm, and proclaiming "a great and terrible judgment at hand." His cry was mistaken for an alarm of fire, and a scene of confusion followed, till it was discovered the man was actually insane. No cause could be assigned for his derangement, except that he had been living in great destitution for want of work.

BARN BURNING.—A barn, belonging to R. C. Woods, in Dickinson Township, Cumberland county, the second which has been destroyed within a couple of weeks, was burnt to the ground on Friday last. Also Mr. Galbraith's barn, with six head of horses, forty-five head of sheep, and some other stock, perished in the flames, and a large quantity of corn and other grain was destroyed. His loss is estimated at least $1200. Three men, one white and two black, were committed to jail, charged with being the incendiaries.

GREAT EQUATORIAL TELESCOPE.—Prof. Mitchel, of Cincinnati, entrusted with the purchase of instruments for the Observatory at that place, announces through the columns of the Chronicle, that Messrs. Worts & Co., of Munich, are now engaged in the construction of the great Equatorial Telescope ordered by him last fall. The Observatory at Cincinnati, under the control of the Astronomical Society of that city, will, when put into operation, be one of the most complete Observatories in the United States.

SUICIDE.—Passed Assistant Surgeon Richard W. Leacock, of the U. S. brig Somers, committed suicide with a pistol, on Friday evening, in the gun-room of his vessel. He was 28 years of age, and a native of Norfolk, Va. The sad occurrence by which he has closed his life is attributed to a settled melancholy and partial derangement, induced by a long and severe attack of the yellow fever, which he contracted on a former voyage to the Coast of Africa in the U 8, schooner Shark.

INSANITY.—James G. Thorn, druggist and chemist, at 420 Pearl street, New York, was conveyed to the Tombs, on Tuesday, after having demolished the front of his store, and other articles which he threw out of the window. He had undressed himself before commencing. He was secured by means of water from a hydrant, which was brought to bear upon him by a hose pipe. He consumed his books—in fact every thing that came in his way.

AVALANCHE.—On Wednesday, the 15th instant, Mr. Hiram Hastings, aged about twenty, was found buried beneath the snow, about two miles from Windsor, Vt., and near the foot of the Ascutney mountain. On returning from the house of a sick neighbor, a mass of snow on the brow of a hill was started by him from its place, and carried or followed him several rods down, overwhelming him to the depth of several feet, whereby he perished.

TWICH WRECKAR.—The schooner F. A. Tupper, from Nassau for Baltimore, was wrecked on the beach, 25 miles north of Cape Hatteras, on the 26th, having on board the crew and part of the materials of the barque Mary Ballare, lost on the Berry Islands, and captain and crew of the ship *Algonquin*. The passengers were all landed in safety, after clinging to the wreck nine hours. They were in the act of giving up when the day appeared.

ANOTHER RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—A serious accident occurred on the Providence Railroad, last Saturday afternoon. The train with the New York passengers had been delayed some time, and was passing over the road, when it came in contact with an upward accommodation train, within four miles of Boston. Two or three cars were crushed, and a passenger named Taylor, and Washburn, the conductor, were injured.

SHOCKING.—A boy not more than twelve years of age, was decoyed into the back part of a house in New Orleans, on the 24th ult., by a desperado. In a few moments the boy came running out with his throat cut from ear to ear, and the confusion was so great that the villain who committed the diabolical deed escaped. The poor little creature is not expected to live, and as yet the whole affair is shrouded in mystery.

FROM PORTO RICO.—*Ponce not Destroyed!*—The Baltimore American says:—"The report brought to New York of the destruction of the town of Ponce, Porto Rico, is untrue. Captain Fry, of the brig Water Witch, at this port yesterday from Mayaguez, P. R., states that the occurrence which gave rise to the report was nothing more than the destruction by fire of one or two old wooden sheds."

RECOVERY.—Two thousand nine hundred dollars of the money fraudulently obtained from the Manhattan Bank, N. Y., by Franklin S. Byrne, by forging the name of Simeon Draper, Jr., has been obtained by an officer from Mrs. Byrne, mother of Franklin, who resides at Pittsburg. The whole sum was $6320. About $2100 have been recovered.

BUILDING IN BOSTON.—The Boston Bee, states that mechanics are likely soon to be employed in that city at good wages, contracts having been completed for erecting about one hundred buildings during the next six months.

FRAUD.—A gross fraud has been committed upon the Miltonkin (W. T.,) county treasury, by re-issuing its cancelled orders. The amount already discovered is $1700, and as there are about $7000 of the revenue of the county which cannot be accounted for, it is apprehended that there has been that amount of cancelled orders again put in circulation.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN MIAMI COUNTY, IND.—The Court-House in Peru, Miami County, Indiana, was entirely consumed by fire on the night of the 16th inst. The officers of the Clerk and Recorder were kept in the upper story of the building, and they, together with all the records and papers belonging to the County, were entirely destroyed.

INCENDIARISM.—The Court in Brooklyn, New York, in charging the Grand Jury, attributed the recent incendiary fires in Brooklyn, to the agency of depraved boys, volunteer *attaches* of the fire companies, who, when disappointed in bringing out the engines by false alarms, set fire to buildings in order to accomplish their object!

THE RED RIVER FRESHET.—The losses during the late freshet are estimated as follows:—The summer of horses lost in Red River and Fannin counties, 500; and of cattle and hogs, 3000; the number of bales of cotton lost and water-soaked, 1000. An immense quantity of grain and other agricultural products were also lost.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.—Statements taken from the papers in the United States since November 6th, 1842, report one thousand four hundred and fifty-one lives by shipwreck and swamping of common boats, in the United States and a part of the coast of England and France. In no one instance was a lifeboat at hand.

FOR LIBERIA.—A suitable vessel is to be chartered immediately to proceed to New Orleans, and shall receive on board, about seventy liberated slaves, left by the late Mrs. Reed, daughter of Captain Ross, of Mississippi, and certain others from Kentucky, for Liberia. This vessel will subsequently touch at Norfolk, Va.

METEOR.—A meteor of great size and brilliancy passed over the city of Savannah, Ga., on the night of the 27th ult. It perfectly illuminated every part of the city, and was described by a watchman to be as large as a hogshead. The watchman probably meant a pig's head.

☞ Of pork, bacon and lard, put up at Cincinnati during the past fall and winter, to the value of $3,000,000, about half a million, says a Cincinnati paper, was for the English and French market, "now for the first time open to this species of American produce."

☞ The recent seizure of an American citizen by the authorities of New Brunswick has been noticed to the Maine Legislature. On Friday last, a resolve passed the Senate referring the resolutions of the plantation of Hancock to the Governor and Council.

☞ The Grand Jury of Monroe County, at its late session, found twenty-two bills of indictment, mostly against keepers of gambling-houses in Rochester. It is not long since the Democrat boasted that Rochester was the most moral city in the United States.

☞ A Gold Mine has been discovered in Chatham County, N. C., and another in Moore, about 40 miles from Fayetteville, in which 50 to 100 hands are now at work, with a yield of $1 to $8 per hand per day. (Rather oftener $1 than $8, we suspect.)

☞ The Schine Republican says:—Mr. John Schoolcraft, *jr.* of the Scholarie Patent, of this village, now owns the celebrated Lawyer "Trouble." He is four years of age, and weighs one hundred and sixty and a half pounds. Who can beat this.

☞ The trial of Whitney, for robbing the U. S. Mail about three years ago, near Stockton, was concluded at Mobile on the 22d of March, and a verdict of *guilty* rendered by the jury. The punishment is death.

GRAPHIC.—The comet at St. Augustine is described by the editors of the News, as seen by the naked eye, to be about four feet in width, and one hundred yards or more in length, with a star at one end on it!

SPANISH COIN.—The New York Sun says that the banks of that city have resolved to receive twenty five cent Spanish pieces for only twenty-three cents, shillings and sixpenny pieces at the same rate.

☞ One of the assistant Aldermen of New York, Peter Esquirol, Esq., was set upon on Saturday evening, in that city, and beaten in a most terrible manner. The cause of the attack is unknown.

☞ Dr. Richard S. Steuart, of Baltimore, was on Friday unanimously elected Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine in the University of Maryland, in place of Prof. Potter, deceased.

BIG HOG.—A hog raised in Pelham, N. H., by Asa Stickney, 23 months and 21 days old, and weighing 746 pounds, has been exhibited in Lowell. The lard weighed near 40 pounds.

ST. DOMINGO.—By late accounts received at New York, nothing of importance has transpired. The revolutionists still maintained possession of Jacmel, Jeremie and Aux Cayes.

DESERTER.—The Cincinnati Gazette, states that Col. Murray, the Treasurer of Richland county, has become a defaulter to the amount of some six or seven thousand dollars.

☞ £25,000 to Messrs. Brown, Brothers & Co., and £4000 to Messrs. Rois, Brothers, & Co., arrived at New York from Liverpool on Sunday last, in the ship Cambridge.

A DARK DAY.—At New Orleans, on the 21st ult., at meridian, light had to be used. A torrent of rain then poured, in overloaded clouds, and the usual light was restored again.

☞ The canal is open at Harrisburg, and several boats, cleared from Columbia westward, have passed the former place.

☞ Seventy-five thousand hogs, it is estimated, have been slaughtered along the line of the Wabash and Erie Canal.

☞ A schooner has arrived at New York from Havana, having on board thirty-three baskets of tobacco.

☞ $36,857 in specie, arrived at New Orleans, on the 25th ult.

Army & Navy.

NORFOLK.—The following is an extract of a letter from Norfolk, April 1, relative to the U. S. vessels there.

The frigate Brandywine, Commodore Parker, will sail for the East Indies when she receives her complement of men—it is expected she will first carry the Minister to England, and taking Mr. Everett on board, carry him to China.

Sloop St. Louis, Commander Cook, sails for the East Indies—waiting for men.

Sloop Levant, Commander N. H. Page—destined for the Pacific—waiting for a crew.

Brig Truxtun, Lieut. Upshur, sails in a few days on special service.

Store ship Lexington, Lieut. Glendy, bound for the Mediterranean—she will take in her stores at N. York—awaiting for a crew.

Frigate Macedonian, Com. Perry, flag ship of the Coast of Africa squadron, will sail when manned.

NAVAL CONSTRUCTORS.—On the first of May next, the following changes, by transfer, on the stations of these officers, will be made:—R. M. Cook, from Portsmouth, N. H., to Boston; Josiah Barker, from Boston to Portsmouth, N. H.; Foster Rhodes, from New York to Norfolk; Francis Grice, from Norfolk to New York.

☞ The Commercial Advertiser contains a letter from Nassau stating that the U. S. brig Boxer arrived there from from a cruise on the 12th. She reports having met in the neighborhood of the Isle of Pines an armed schooner, having a long Tom on deck, and very many men. The pirate escaped.

THE NEW STEAM VESSEL.—About thirty carpenters are now engaged upon the "Princeton," Captain Stockton's new steamer, now building at the Navy Yard in this city. It is expected that the "Princeton" will be completed and launched early this fall.

☞ Another court martial assembled at New Orleans on the 24th ult., especially for the trial of Lieut. Henshaw, of the 7th Infantry, on charges preferred by Major Bains, of the same regiment.

☞ Dr. Thomas P. Jones, of Washington, has been nominated, by the Secretary of the Navy to be one of a Commission to test steam apparatus to prevent explosion.

☞ A vessel at Baltimore from Rio Janeiro, Feb. 16th, left the U. S ships Delaware, Com. Morris, and John Adams, Conover, at that port.

LATEST FROM HAYTI.

By the latest advices, it would appear that the rebels in Hayti were carrying every thing their own way. The public property is entirely in their hands, and the troops of Boyer fly before them in all directions.

Notices of the Dead.

GEN. JOHN ARMSTRONG died at his residence, Rhinbeck, Dutchess county, on Saturday the 1st inst., aged 84 years. He formerly played an important part on the political stage, and was Secretary of War during a great portion of our last contest with Great Britain. He wrote a caustic volume of Notes on that War in 1836. Considered as the work of a man nearly 80 years old, it exhibited great vigor and acuteness.

DEATH OF SENATOR MCROBERTS.—The Hon. Samuel McRoberts, Senator in Congress from Illinois, died in Cincinnati on Monday last, aged about 40 years, after a short illness, resulting from a cold taken in crossing the Mountains, on his way home from the session which has recently closed.

THE LAST INVALID SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION GONE.—Died in New London, N. H., March 21, 1843, four o'clock in the morning, Mr. Moses Trussell, aged 86 years and 5 months. He lost his left arm in the battle of Bunker Hill, and has ever since been a pensioner.

THE DEATH OF BISHOP ROBERTS.—We regret to learn, by a slip from the Cincinnati Western Christian Advocate, that the venerable Bishop Roberts, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died at his residence near Lawrenceport, Indiana, on the 27th of March.

FOUR PATRIOTS DEAD.—On Saturday, the 12th ult., no less than four revolutionary soldiers died in Alleghany township, Westmoreland county, Pa.—John Delap, aged 80; John Gallagher, aged 104; Robt. Dunda, aged 79; and John Johnson, aged 103.

HON. THOMAS SHANNON, formerly a member of the Ohio Senate from Belmont county, and brother of the Governor of that State, died on the 16th ult., at his residence in Barnesville.

Religious Intelligence.

RELIGIOUS REVIVALS.—The number of persons admitted as probationers for the M. E. Church since the last New York Annual Conference, in the city of New York, is 2532; in the city of Brooklyn, 739; in the village of Williamsburg, 100. Total, 3371. We understand that other churches have received large accessions—the Baptist especially.

☞ The Mobile Advertiser says that the appointment of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Alabama, conferred on the Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Alexandria, D. C., has been declined.

BAPTISM.—The ordinance of baptism was administered to some thirty persons on Sunday last, at the Central Baptist Church, Philadelphia, in Sansom street.

☞ One hundred new members have recently joined the Methodist Church at Lexington, Ky.

☞ There was at last dates a very gratifying revival in religious feeling prevalent in Buffalo.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

IN SENATE, March, 29th.—Mr. Gibons, from the Judiciary Committee reported the House Bill to authorise the construction of steam water-works on the Schuylkill, &c., recommending that it be negatived, and accompanied by a report.

The bill to apportion the State into Senatorial and Representative Districts was received from the House with amendments. The Senate refused to concur, and it was sent back to the House.

The bill to provide for the payment of Domestic Creditors was reported by the Committee on Internal Improvements, to which it had been referred, and it was then resumed on second reading, the question being upon the 4th section. This section provides for the appointment of three commissioners, James Clarke, of Indiana; Benjamin W. Richards, of Philadelphia; and the State Treasurer; who shall dispose of the Stocks owned by the State in Corporations, which are to be sold for the benefit of the Domestic Creditors. The details of the section did not suit some of the Senate, and it was discussed to the hour of adjournment.

IN THE HOUSE.—The "Reform bill" has at length passed, and goes back to the Senate for concurrence. As it passed the House to-day, it reduces all salaries of Government officers 28 per cent; shortens sessions to one hundred days; and reduces the salaries of Clerks and Doorkeepers to $2 per day.

Mr. Hancock reported a bill to incorporate the Good Will Engine Co., of Philadelphia.

Mr. Hockman submitted a joint resolution to repeal the act providing for the election of State Printer, and proposing to give it to the lowest bidder. The House refused to take up the resolution.

Mr. Overfield introduced a bill to abolish militia trainings.

Mr. Rush reported a bill to reduce the Capital Stock of the Bank of Chester County.

Amendments made by the Senate to the bill providing for the appointment of an Inspector of Leather were concurred in.

Mr. Elwell reported a bill relating to Chancery jurisdiction of the Courts of this Commonwealth.

IN SENATE, March 30.—The nomination of Nathaniel B. Eldred, to be President Judge for the Twelfth Judicial District, in the room of Calvin Blythe, resigned, was confirmed by a vote of 24 to 8.

Mr. Headley reported a bill to extend the time for completing the Mount Carbon and Port Carbon Railroad Company one year—which passed three several readings.

The bill providing for the sale of State Stocks and the payment of debts due to domestic creditors, was taken up, and the 4th section, which appoints Commissioners to sell stocks, passed by a vote of 19 to 5. The bill was at length passed by a large vote. It provides for the cancellation monthly, of $50,000 of stock. The Clerk of the House of Representatives informed the Senate that the House had insisted on its amendments to the bill to apportion the State into Senatorial and Representative districts, and had appointed a Committee of Conference, the Senate did the same.

The bill from the House—from the Senate, and from the House again—reducing expenses in the State Legislature and Department, and in the Eastern and Western Penitentiaries—was taken up, and the House bill was concurred in by calling the yeas and nays on every section.

IN THE HOUSE.—A bill passed final reading to prevent the sale of ardent spirits within four miles of the town of Mount Pleasant, Westm. in Armstrong county, and within three miles of the Beaver Furnace in Clarion county.

A bill relating to the collection of taxes in Lehigh county, and a bill supplementary to the tax bill, passed 11th June, 1840, passed final readings. This latter bill declares that all joint stock companies which declare dividends are subject to taxation for State purposes. The Senate bill to incorporate the Delaware Canal Company, to take the Delaware Division at $1,800,000, to be paid in State stock, certificates of loan, and certificates of indebtedness to domestic creditors, passed Committee of the Whole.

In the afternoon, Mr. Rush reported a bill to enable the Banks of Philadelphia to declare dividends.

Mr. Elwell (Whig and Mexican) reported a bill providing for the exchange of certain stocks, for the benefit of domestic creditors.

Mr. Robinson reported a bill relating to tavern licenses.

Mr. Kerr reported a bill for a new county, out of parts of Beaver, Butler and Mercer, to be called Liberty.

Mr. Craig introduced a bill relating to foreign attachments.

The bill to incorporate the District of Penn in Philadelphia county, was amended and passed. The limits of this borough were made smaller than in the original bill.

IN SENATE, March 31.—Reports were made from various standing committees.

The vote negativing the first section of the act to compel the Tide Water Canal Company to receive twenty-five per cent. of its tolls in its own issues, if presented, was reconsidered, on a motion of Mr. Mellen, and the bill passed second and third readings, and was sent to the House for concurrence. The vote on the passage of the bill was 23, nays 7.

An act relating to tolls on the Cumberland Road, and providing for the laying out of certain roads in the western part of the State, passed three several readings.

The House bill, providing for the settlement of claims for clerk hire of superintendants on the Canals, passed three several readings.

The House bill, providing for certain changes in the plans for streets and street courses in Kensington, was amended, and passed three several readings.

IN THE HOUSE.—Mr. Deal, called up the bill to incorporate the Kensington Gas Company; and it passed three several readings.

Mr. Deford, introduced a bill to prevent the importation of free negroes into the State.

The Senate bill, supplementary to the act incorporating the borough of Schuylkill Haven, passed three several readings.

The bill providing for the sale of the Delaware Division of the Pennsylvania Canal, for $1,800,000, was discussed at great length, and passed.

At twelve o'clock, the two houses met in convention, for the election of a State Printer. John B. Bratton had 46 votes, and John H. Dimock 47, for English Printer, but there were seventeen scattering votes, and no election—a second time defeated. After warm legislative sparring, in which many members participated, the convention adjourned over election to Monday next, April 10th.

On the morning of the House in the afternoon, Mr. Heckman, of Northampton, offered the following resolution,

"Whereas, It is alleged that certain members of the Board of Canal Commissioners of this Commonwealth have held out inducements and bribes to members of the Legislature, to corrupt them, and thereby influence their votes on certain measures pending before the Legislature; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That a Select Committee of three be appointed to examine the said charges, and have authority to send for persons and papers."

In explanation of the resolution, Mr. Heckman stated that an attempt had been made by one of the Board of Canal Commissioners, to bribe a member of the House of Representatives to vote to sustain the Governor's veto on the Canal Bill when it was sent to the House. He then referred to Mr. Hill, of Armstrong, to sustain the allegation. After some discussion, Mr. Hill rose and said that an offer had been made to him, by a member of the Canal Board, of an office on the Canal, (collectorship) if he would vote to sustain the veto of the bill to remove the present Board of Commissioners. The Commissioner alluded to is Mr. Overfield.

Mr. Lowry, offered an amendment, intimating that there are charges against members of the Legislature of legislating the Canal Board out of office, to get offices for themselves and their friends, and Mr. Barrett also ridiculed it, but the subject was too serious for jest, and it failed. Mr. L. finally withdrew his amendment, and the resolution passed with but one voice against it. The Speaker appointed Messrs. Heckman, Dofeld and Morris on the Committee.

Mr. Lowry offered his amendment, then, as a mere resolution, and no one opposing, it passed.

IN SENATE, April 1.—The business was almost entirely of a local or private character. The bill to punish seduction passed three several readings. Mr. Penniman introduced a bill to authorise the County of Philadelphia to borrow a sum of money.

Mr. Sparkman introduced a supplement to the act abolishing the Nicholson Court.

Mr. Penniman moved to take up the bill from the House, authorising the Commissioners of Spring Garden to erect steam water works, and take water from Fairmount Dam. The motion was lost.

Mr. Sullivan attempted to get up the bill to change the bill providing for State printer, so as to give it to the highest bidder. The Senate refused to suspend the rules, and it failed.

IN THE HOUSE.—A bill passed final reading authorising the Trustees of the Girard Bank to sell at private sale the assets of said institution.

The following passed second and third several readings:

A bill to establish a public ferry at Tunkhannock, on the South side of the Susquehanna.

A bill to incorporate the Northern Liberty Home Company.

A bill to incorporate the Honesdale Fire Insurance Company.

A bill to protect the property of Allegheny College.

A bill to incorporate the Jamestown Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The Governor returned, with his objections, the bill for the election of Canal Commissioners by the Legislature.

IN SENATE, April 3.—The following bills passed finally:

An act to incorporate the Frankford Mutual Insurance Company.

An act relating to the Great Western Iron Company.

An act providing for the removal of an old pier in the river Delaware, at Center Bridge.

A bill to authorize the trustees of Saint Mary's Church, in Fourth street, Philadelphia, to sell and convey certain real estate.

A message was received from the Governor, nominating Gaylord Church, of Crawford, to be President Judge for the Sixth Judicial District, in the room of N. B. Eldred, transferred to the Twelfth District.

Mr. Penniman introduced a bill to exempt from taxation the property of Union Hall Association of Philadelphia.

Mr. McCully introduced a bill to grant to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia concurrent jurisdiction with the Court of Oyer and Terminer of said county.

A bill to reduce the capital stock of the Mechanics' Bank of Philadelphia, passed three several readings.

A bill to extend the charter of the Farmers' Bank of Reading, passed committee of the whole.

The following passed finally:

A proposition to reject the Governor's veto on the Canal Commissioners Bill a place on the journal was negatived—yeas 5, nays 18.

The House Bill providing for an exchange of stocks was reported without amendment.

A bill was reported by Mr. Cochran, and passed three several readings, proving for the appointment of an inspector of flour in the borough of York.

A bill ordering a new trial in the case of Patrick and Bernard Flanagan, and remitting the case to Cambria county passed with amendments, and was ordered to be sent to the House for concurrence. [It was there concurred in.]

IN THE HOUSE.—The Senate bill providing for the sale of stocks owned by the Commonwealth, and reducing the amount of Relief Notes to be monthly cancelled to $50,000, passed, with amendments.

Mr. Hinchman, from the Select Committee to inquire into the charge of an attempt to bribe a member of the Legislature, by one of the Canal Commissioners, made a report of the testimony of Mr. Hill, the member tampered with, and Messrs. McCallahan and Kerr, of Mercer; which report substantiates the charges made. The matter was sometime discussed under propositions to summon the Canal Commissioners, as witnesses, and to call Mr. Overfield, the Commissioner implicated, to the bar of the House. No action was taken, however. Mr. Lowry's committee, to examine into the conduct of the Legislature, as an offset to the Commissioners, was increased by a vote to add two, and two of the original committee having asked and obtained leave to be excused, four new members are to be named.

The Senate bill to give the public printing to the lowest bidder was taken up, and run through the first forms of legislation. It will undoubtedly pass the House.

The bill providing for the apportionment of the State into Senatorial and Representative Districts, which was this morning reported in each House by the Joint Committee of Conference, passed by a vote of 43 to 37. The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 14 to 11. By this bill the City of Philadelphia has two Senators and five members; and the County three Senators and eight members.

IN SENATE, April 4.—Among the reports was the bill from the House, incorporating the Northern Liberty Home. The bill to suspend School and College appropriations was debated. Several private bills were passed. The bills from the House, to incharter the Bank of the Northern Liberties, the Farmers' Bank of Bucks, and the Southwark Bank, passed Committee of the Whole.

IN THE HOUSE.—The retoed canal bill took up the day, and was lost—yeas 57, nays 30—not two thirds. Thereupon Mr. Morris offered a resolution calling upon the Canal Commissioners for a transcript of their journal, so far as regards proceedings upon a claim of Jacob Foreman, pending before them. The resolution was read twice and adopted. This arose from the fact that Mr. Foreman voted to retain the present Canal Board in office. His vote decided the fate of the bill, and he has, it is said, a claim before the Canal Board unsettled.

Mr. Hinchman presented a memorial from the Chamber of Commerce of Philadelphia, in favor of an extension of wharves in the Delaware.

MR. EDITOR: Sir—We some weeks since saw a notice in your paper, relating to a pamphlet entitled "Inquiries," and published by benevolent individuals for gratuitous distribution, relating to the more frequent occurrence and suddenly fatal character of the case of the chest, or consumption of the lungs, of late than formerly, together with statements relating to the cause and prevalence of nervous affections, such as the, debility, palpitation of the heart, determinations of blood to the head, sudden death, &c., also suggestions relating to the importance of attending to the first symptoms of the various diseases of the spine, which have a tendency to terminate in debility of the body, and some judicious critical remarks respecting the want of success which has attended endeavors to cure diseases of the spine. In consequence of seeing the notice, we procured the "Inquiries," and have found them of so much importance as to come us to take the liberty of asking you to give this a place in your paper, believing that if the subject is properly laid before the public, a great amount of suffering will be prevented. We would also suggest the idea to cure us of the benefit that might be conferred upon their friends in the country, were they to send a copy of the "Inquiries" to them. They can be had gratis at the bookstore, No. 122 Chesnut street. J. B.

N. B. We learn from the publication that persons at a distance from the city who wish it, can have it sent, free of charge, by addressing a note, postpaid, to M. S. Thomas, Philadelphia.—*U. S. Gazette.*

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Gems from the Poets.

APRIL.

BY WILLIAM LISLE BOWLES.

Whose was the gentle voice, that, whispering sweet,
Promised, methought, long days of blue serene!
Greeting it with an ear delighted met,
Most like melt music, that might sometimes cheer
Thoughts dark and drooping! 'Twas the voice of Hope
Of love and social scenes, it seem'd to speak.
Of truth, of friendship, of affection mock:
That oh! poor friend, might be life's downward slope
Lead on in peace, and bless our latest hours.
Ah me! the prospect seldom'd me so sing;
Loud on my startled ear the death-bell rung;
Cheer'd me through wrapt the pleasurable hour'm,
Whilst horror, pointing to yon breathless clay,
"No peace to thine," exclaim'd, "away! away!"

From the Monthlies.

FROM THE LADY'S BOOK, FOR APRIL.

SCENES FROM LIFE IN TOWN.

BY MISS C. M. SEDGWICK.

"Heathen city," is a sort of by-word, but paving-stones do not crush the spirit of man, nor continuous brick walls, prevent the growth of those affections whose seeds are sown at broadcast in the natural relations of life. On this one-story, the struggle and sacrifice imposed by the eager competitions of the multitudinous city often bring forth the most beautiful fruits of affection. These grow and flourish in the obscure shades, known only to those who have produced and enjoyed them.

One of these shady places in life, a humble and most happy home, was in a small comfortable house in ——— street, in New York. There, on a pleasant well-aired parlor not more than sixteen feet square, were checked cattle and cottage, a group of trees, and a group of children, and lovely heads of Madonnas and Sybils. Here and there hung a chalcot engraving. On the table were a few well-read volumes of the best poetry and the best prose, interspersed by cones of hands, arms and feet. In one window was a stand of flowers sending their incense around the cage of a canary bird, who, quite obscured from view by the odors, was sleeping at the particular moment that we bring him upon the scene, looking like a little golden ball, with his tassel-head turned under his wing. In the corner, in a rocking-chair of the most fanciful construction, sat an elderly lady, like the canary, asleep, (a condition incident to elderly ladies in rocking-chairs.) Her face bore the record of many a trial gently borne, many a sorrow patiently endured, and of affections that outlast all trial and sorrow.

Two young persons were seated by the table, one a man of three or four and twenty, rather above the middling height, with a fair and pleasing countenance, lighted up by a dark eye established with those accessories which the Saxon eye needs, a deep setting and a dark lash. His golden brown hair was parted on a brow as smooth and imperturbable as a seraph's, and hung in rich masses on each side. His mouth, whether in repose or movement, was most expressive of taste and refinement. A wise person of fifty, or thereabouts, might have distinguished his companion as a young woman—a part girl of fourteen would probably have raised her "old as the hills;" she was actually some four or five years older than her brother; and when the history of their lives began, she had seen two years that she had the start of him! Their father was a mechanic, a watchmaker, an instructed and intelligent man. He died early, and left his widow and her two children with no property but their education. It was well for them that her children came to man's and woman's estate with that education, for it was a most excellent mother, who gave to their mother—from charities or charities in need, delicately called presents.

Carson Motley very early manifested a talent for drawing and for color. His sister Anne, whom she was only ten years old, tattered her only ornament, a gold ring, for drawing pencils for him, and her first earnings, her pay when she was twelve years old for teaching an A B C Class, she invested in a box of water colors for the little artist.

The power of serving an object of affection, keeps the fountain of love full and sparkling. From this period Ann Motley's life was merged in her brother's, living all for one, and every thing that was pretty and attractive, and she had lovers and offers, but none of these things moved her from the strong purpose of her life. At seventeen she gathered a little school of her own in the room over the kitchen of her home. Her income was small, but her expenses were next to nothing. Her brother evidently co-operated, and the end of it all was (the details would be too long for our narrow limits) at the period when we have engaged to open the parlor door in Motley street to our readers, Carson Motley had attained the collateral knowledge necessary to the accomplishment of an artist. Ann had worked while he studied, and when he began to paint, she had exercised her powers that related to his art, and of history to supply him with new images and combinations; she explored romances, old and new, for him, and fed him with poetry. As the stream of knowledge flowed over her own mind, there were golden deposites, but that only which she imparted to him ere left to enrich herself. Good spirits were enfolded and ministering in the atmosphere of their home.

Ann Motley was reading aloud Bryant's poems, while her brother was converting the descriptions into visible and lovely forms. He had sketched the water fowl, and the meditative fowler,—an autumnal scene around, with the yellow hanging-ground, with young girls gathering flowers over the grave of that "fair rock Solomon" that was laid in the moist ground "when the forest cast the leaf"—the African chief who stood in the market-place, "like a lion bound;" and the lovely Indian Indian girl, with her long raven mountain altar, and looking down for the last time on the

> "Region of her tribe
> Below her waters resting in the embrace
> Of the rock-fastened lake, and mountain-planted glades
> Gleaming in the lonely wilderness."

"With how few touches, Carson," said his sister, laying down her book, "you have given expression—the true expression to that poor Indian girl."

"That is nothing to the purpose;" (the reader of a voyage are like the discreet of a child, simple, uncomplicated—hope and despair require but a few lines to mark them—it is not always so easy for the painter to interpret the poet; nor do I imagine so easy for the poet to depict love in civilized life where, by our artificial condition, it is complicated with so many desires and emotions."

"Talking about love," said the mother, starting from a reverie between a reverie and a sleep, "as it always is,—let two young people begin upon what topic they may, they always end upon this."

"And yet, mother," said Ann, "Carson and I could hardly hit upon one on which we are both more interested—or less likely to be enlightened by experience."

"So much the better,—let well enough alone' my children, love will find you out. Don't spoil the present good by thinking of what—may be better—may be worse."

On the very day after this common-place advice of Mrs. Motley, her son was looking over a book of magnificent engravings, in a certain house in the lower part of Greenwich street. It was the day of the week when the doors of that fine mansion, in accordance with the purpose of its late munificent masters", are thrown open to the taste of the fine arts.

Motley was one of the favored contributors to the embellishment of the private gallery, and having its entree at all hours, he avoided the public days. He had now ascertained his time, in consequence of being absorbed in examining some new engravings, and he was hardly conscious of the groups that passed in and out till his attention was arrested by the forms of a voice, expressive of refinement and cultivation, asking,

"Can you tell who is the painter of that landscape?"

"Motley."

"Ah, so I thought. I saw a picture of his at the exhibition that I admired extensively."

A new voice now cut in—

"To be sure you did, Miss Agnes, and so did every body who has any knack at appreciating. It was in such a pretty style—perfectly artistic. Mr. Random talked of buying it, but you know one can't patronize every body."

"Do you know the painter," resumed the first voice, addressing the person first spoken to.

"I have seen him at the Artists' Club—he is considered a young man of genius."

"Oh, he is unquestionably—how I wish"—— the young lady checked herself. Motley has interested us for and fast as he could without attracting observation; but he was still within the hearing of the lady's voice.

"What, what, Miss Agnes? the wishes of such as you are potent."

"Oh no, it was a most idle wish. You know, Colonel Ashton, my passion for painting. I was thinking if it were possible for me with any instruction to be trying to make it so that I"

"Oh, you are a bit of a painter yourself, my dear Agnes," said the will of the aforesaid Mr. Random, the patron. "It is a charming recreation—one we have shared, some golden deposites, but that only which she imparted to him are